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Post PTL

Charles W. Turner

A New Year and a clean page -- just a thought. Unfortunately, it is not quite that easy. It would be nice if a few resolutions and a new calendar on the wall could change the past, but they cannot. Last year's actions will still have an effect on this new year.

In the religious world the "PTL Happening" of last year continues to change the course of history. It has a way of changing the work and thoughts of today. You did not have to be involved to have felt the results. All of Christianity has been impacted and the way Christianity is perceived has been changed.

Some months after the event some things are becoming clear. Let me start the New Year by sharing some of my thoughts. The Era of the Religious Television Personality has been forever changed. The freely flowing funds to such groups will never be the same and the problems caused by the decreased flow of cash to such works will not find quick and easy solutions. People who were doubters of these ministries have become hostile, the people who tolerated these works are now skeptics and the devotees even have their doubts. This all adds up to less cash and a lot fewer supporters. There has been and will continue to be a decrease in this type of programming. It will not die, but it is "losing a lot of pounds as the dieting process takes place".

Another victim of the year is the religious music market. I use the term "religious" because I cannot bring myself to use the word "Christian". The crossover lines in music appealing to the secular reached awesome degrees. Now it

is "bottom line" time and there is going to be a deficit. This phase of "Christian Show Time" was open to question and now the answer to the question is that it went much, much too far. The beat was bad, the words were incomprehensible and the results were reprehensible. Many Christian recording companies are going to be forced to take a look at their products. Music has become another one of the doubtful areas of this new tinsel religion.

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PTL showed us that the use of funds is an area of concern in Christian stewardship. What we saw at PTL was being done in churches as well. Some of the critics were as guilty as PTL. Funds given by believers were channeled to other needs or long delayed in reaching their intended area of ministry. A church of 100 which works with hundreds of dollars and misuses funds given by members by using them for purposes other than those designated is doing the same as PTL did with millions. Using designated mission funds to pay light bills and salaries instead of sending them to missions is a problem similar to that at PTL. It is alright to be critical of PTL, but watch that we do not do the same with funds entrusted to the local church

treasury. There are a lot of sad stories to tell along this line in our Brethren Churches.

Another serious problem which started long before PTL is the decline in volunteers for the ministry and the lowering image of the ministry. The story here is frightening from all Christian groups. The number of young men entering the Christian ministry is on a sharp decrease. The ministry is a call, but the call is not so clear when a young man in the pew sees only the struggles of the man in the pulpit. This is a difficult time for pastors and the answers are not easy. The Christian ministry and the pastorate are just not attracting enough young men at this time. The reaction to Christianity by the unbeliever is more negative now than at other times and the degree of respect seems to have declined. I have heard more jokes recently with the ministry as the center of them than I have heard in years.

So, it is 1988 and a New Year. It is also a year of challenge and opportunity. God did not promise roses now, but He did promise glory later. The test is to see what we have in our hearts. Conservative Christianity is wearing a black eye and the word "fundamental" is a point of fun to many. It is time to get down to the business of working for the Lord. Cute schemes and novel ideas at seminars have passed; it is time to get back to the Word and Prayer and God. The glitter of our time bewitched us for a moment, but it need not be a case of permanent blindness. Here we are in Post PTL. What are you going to do about it? ■

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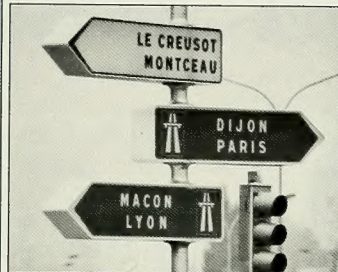
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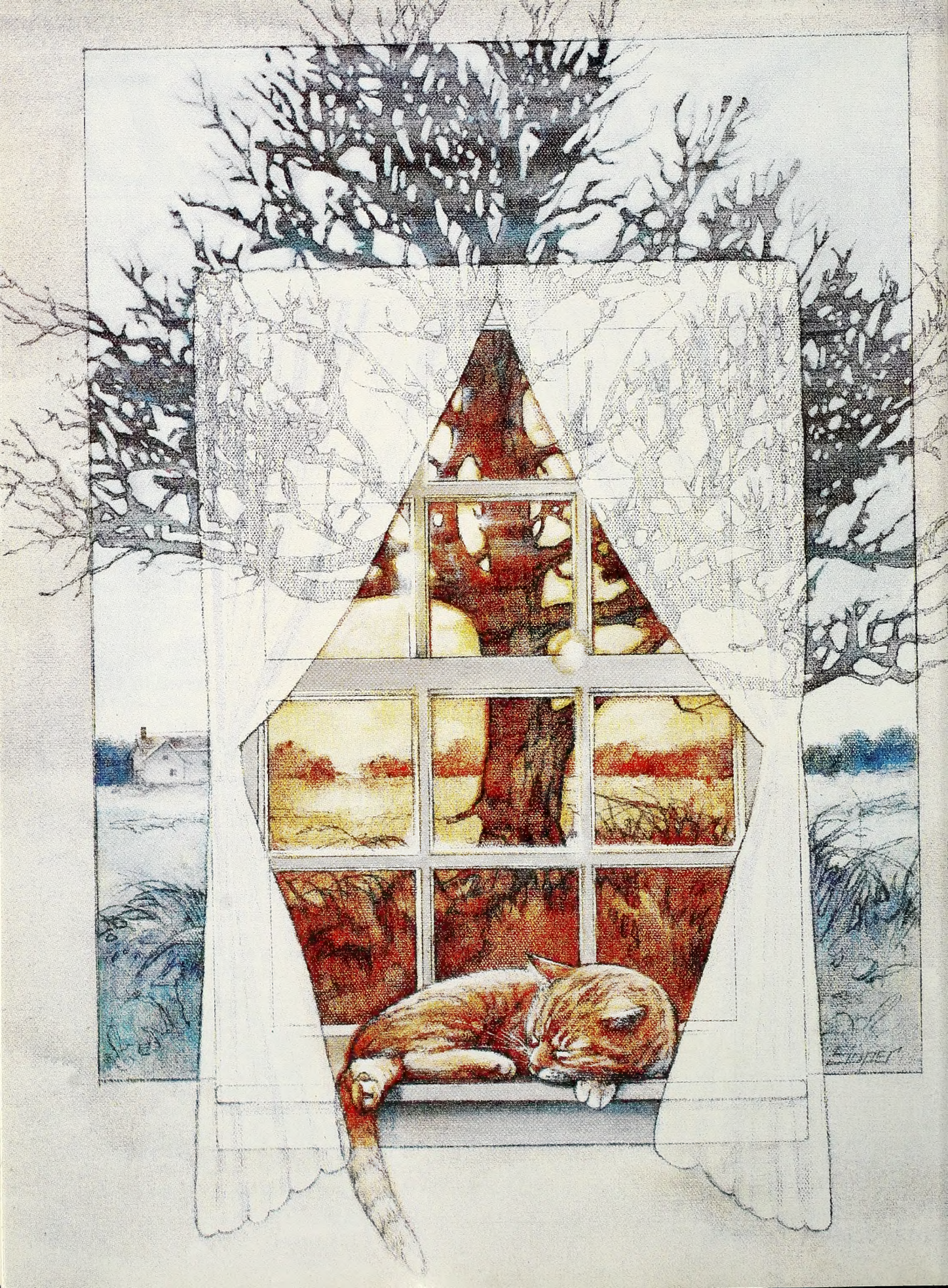
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Contentment

How many of us feel as contented as a cat asleep on a window sill, oblivious of the storm that may be raging outside? Our Lord has given us many promises of our everlasting contentment and directions to help us achieve contentment in this world. What better way to begin a new year than by practicing contentment and leaning on His everlasting arms?

Pursue Godliness

"But Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

"But you, man of God, flee all of this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

I Timothy 6:6-12

Trust in Him

*Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret -- it leads only to evil.
For evil men will be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.
But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy great peace.*

Psalms 37:1-11

The Secret of Contentment

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:11b-13

Be Content with What You Have

"Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

*'Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.'*

"So we say with confidence,

*'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?'"*

Hebrews 13:1-6

Our Future Glory

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose.

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all -- how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died -- more than that, who was raised to life -- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

*'For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

"Now in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:18, 28, 31-39

(All references New International Version)

For weeks she had talked of nothing but the upcoming trip to the zoo. The day had finally arrived! Her small hand in mine, we walked through the entrance gates. "Please, Jeanette, can we see the lion first?"

As we neared the lion's cage I sensed her disappointment. "He's sleeping," she exclaimed. "I want to see him do something!" Although we didn't know it, it was almost feeding time. Aroused by the scent of raw meat, the lion began to stir. Nostrils quivering, he began to pace. Looking most intent, he seemed captivated by his pursuit of the origin of the smell. Instinctively, Carrie tightened her grip on my hand. "I wouldn't want to get in his way" she whispered and suddenly shivered.

I was reminded of my trip to the zoo recently as I studied Romans 12:13. In this verse Paul urges believers to practice hospitality. The implication is that we should pursue hospitality with the same intensity that a hungry lion demonstrates when stalking his prey. Never before had I thought of hospitality in that light!

First Timothy 3:2 teaches that a man cannot qualify as an overseer of the church unless he is marked by hospitality. First Peter 4:9 reminds us to offer hospitality to each other without grumbling. Hospitality, then, is one sign of Christian maturity and obedience. But believing that hospitality is crucial is not enough. Acting upon this belief is the true test of our obedience. We must put hospitality into action. Let's consider how.

First comes *planning*. Generally speaking, good intentions remain exactly that unless we formulate a blueprint for implementing action. For that reason, we must plan to be hospitable! Who do you want to invite into your home? A lonely widow, a new neighbor, a struggling student, or perhaps the newcomers at church? Don't limit yourself to those whom you already know. Use hospitality as a way to open new avenues of friendship, to

encourage the despondent, to minister to the lonely.

Also consider selecting guests who can minister to you and your family. When he was still a single medical student, my husband Bill received a dinner invitation from a Christian physician and his family. With his three impressionable children looking on, Dr. Cooper asked Bill to tell how he became a Christian. What a great exposure for those kids! What an opportunity for Bill to articulate his faith in Christ.

What do you want to do with your guests? Historically, sharing a meal together has been a means of showing honor and affection to the invited guest. We need not limit ourselves to dinner invitations though. Be creative! What about Sunday brunch, Saturday breakfast, or coffee and dessert one evening? We recently participated in a "build your own pizza" party. I made the dough. Everyone else brought the toppings. The group concurred that it

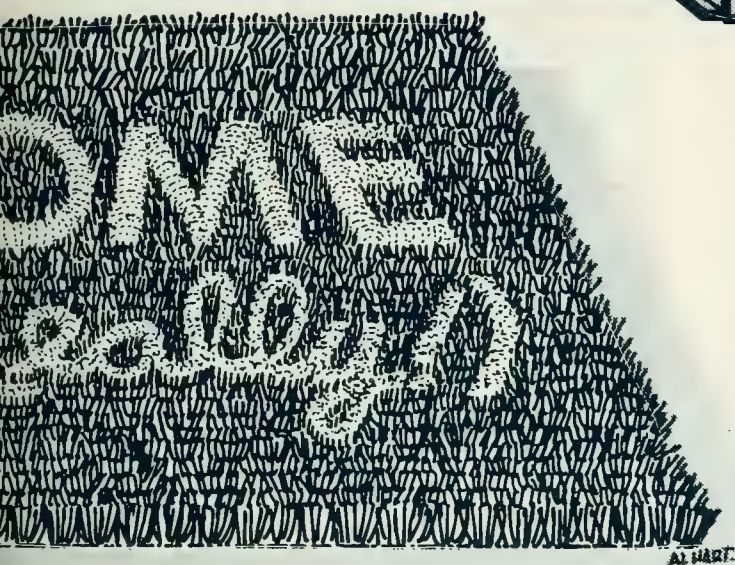
could have competed with our neighborhood pizza parlor!

Being hospitable means more than meeting the physical and material needs of your guests. Plan specific ways to minister to your guests' spiritual needs too. Ask them questions. Stimulate their thinking. Share what you are gleaned from God's Word. Learn from one another. Share your struggles. Urge each other on to a greater commitment to Christ.

The second step is *preparation*. Adequate preparatory measures all but eliminate most disasters. Since your goal is to entertain with a view to serve and encourage others, I think it's important to have most things ready before your guests arrive. I recall my friend Janet recounting one of her experiences as a visitor. Invited for dinner at seven o'clock, she and her husband arrived, on time and hungry, only to have their hostess say, "Oh I'm so glad you are finally here. Now I can start cooking dinner!" They did



Open Heart,



Open Home

by Jeanette Stewart

not begin to eat until nine o'clock. It was hard for my friends to enjoy the company of their hostess while she was busy over the hot stove.

Preparation does require two treasured commodities: time and money. Because most of us are limited in these areas, use your ingenuity. Consider a potluck dinner. Enlist the help of a friend. Don't be shy. Most people are just waiting to be asked.

Many of us are reluctant to invite others into our homes because we think that it's just not good enough. Over and over I have heard people say, "We'll start entertaining in our home when . . . we are settled in . . . the living room is finally redecorated . . . we can afford to serve filet mignon . . . the new couch finally arrives." God calls us to serve Him with our best, whether it be hot dogs on paper plates or crab stuffed lobster served on fine china. People come to visit you

not to take an inventory of your furnishings. All God requires is a willingness to receive guests into our home, no matter how small or large it may be.

Meeting spiritual needs requires preparation too. This leads us to the third step which is *prayer*. Pray that God will give you the sensitivity and wisdom to minister to the spiritual needs of your guests. It's amazing how a good, relaxing dinner will cause people to open up about their feelings. Some of the most exciting times we've had around our dinner table have been after dinner! I can remember times when we've sat at the table until late at night answering questions for searching friends whom God has brought into our home.

Ask God to show you whom to invite. My husband and I find it helpful to block off time each week to pray for our friends and acquaintances. We ask God to show us who has needs and

whom we could encourage by inviting into our home. Pray too that God will continue to equip you to meet the needs of others. Pray that the time you spend being hospitable will bring glory to Him. Pray for pure motivation in opening your home to others. "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men*" (Col. 3:23). If your intentions are not genuine, discouragement is imminent. You may never receive a compliment, a thank you, or a reciprocal invitation. Remember that it is the Lord who rewards our efforts.

The last step is *persistence*. Persist in being hospitable. Paul encouraged the Galatians, "*Let us not become weary in doing good*" (Galatians 6:9). This exhortation still applies. Occasionally you will feel that you've failed. I can remember an evening that was (from a human perspective) an absolute flop! One couple arrived late, another had to leave early, and in the middle of dinner a sick friend dropped by seeking medical advice from my husband. No one had much in common and try as I did, the evening never really got off the ground. Although I was discouraged, I had to remember that we invited these guests in obedience to God's command to be hospitable.

The essence of hospitality is *practical* Christianity. As I grew up, this was exemplified for me by my family's Christmas celebrations. As the festive season drew near we searched for people who would be alone on Christmas day. College students, couples or widows, all received an invitation for the 25th. We would crowd around our dining room table to enjoy food and fun. We shared our lives with our guests for that one day, and many lasting friendships developed. I learned early that hospitality is a way of life.

Who says you can't be hospitable? Plan, prepare, pray, and persist. Leave the rest to God. You'll be surprised at the results!

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FRANCE: A Land of Variety

by Dave Hobert

"France has a thousand faces, and no two alike," has been aptly stated. Yes, France has it all -- the beautiful Riviera on the Mediterranean Sea, the snow-capped Alps, and the famous castles in the rolling hills of the Loire River Valley. France's large, modern cities, such as Paris and Lyon, are contrasted by quaint fishing village cafes in Brittany. Every region has its separate customs and foods, each one delicious in its own way. Former President DeGaulle once asked, "How can I effectively govern a people who have 400 different kinds of cheeses?"

As the largest country in Western Europe, France ranks fifth in exports in the world. She is highly civilized and her people are known for rationalism and intellectual accomplishment. No other country can boast more great writers, poets, philosophers, painters, composers, statesmen, and scientists than France.

Morally, however, France is a modern-day Cor-

inth. Indifference characterizes the French reaction to the Gospel. Few Frenchmen have any conception of biblical Christianity. The Reformation flame was extinguished before it had a chance to burn brightly. What is commonly called "Christianity" is cold, cultural, and unrelated to real life. Although 85% of the population are considered Catholic, only 10% practice their religion regularly. Disillusionment has led to unbelief. The cults are gaining ground; in fact, the largest Buddhist temple in the western world is located not far from our church-planting works. Many are turning to various forms of the occult and Satan worship. Fortune tellers and mediums outnumber doctors. Indeed the religious picture in France is bleak.

To this country of varying interests and beliefs God has called a GBFM team of missionaries with a variety of gifts to proclaim the Gospel in diverse ways.



The Year To Hear

To believers in GBC churches in France, 1987-88 is "The Year of Evangelism."

Says Larry DeArme, "The churches are regaining their vision and are reorienting themselves to achieve their original dream of making the Gospel known in France. They are planning strategies with a focus on personal evangelism."

France Facts and Figures

Population: 55 million

Area: 211,200 square miles

Economy: agriculture, fishing, industry, mining

Religious: only three in every 1,000 French are evangelicals. 33,000 of 38,000 (communities) are still without evangelical witness.





Romance in France: A Date with Diversity

The missionaries in France are involved in a romance. Their commitment is long-term and their dates are distinctly diverse.

A highly-motivated businessman in Lyon. A farmer in St. Albain. A child in Le Creusot/Montceau. A university student in Dijon. A socialist, blue-collar worker in Chalon. A bourgeois youth in Macon.

How does a missionary share the Gospel of Life with such a diverse group of people? In many ways, but the key is sharing Christ on a personal level.

According to a survey of French Christians, 83% of those who have found Christ have come through the social web, either of family or close friends.

Says Tom Julien, "When the French are in this social web, there is credibility which causes them to not filter our words. There's real communication. The people begin to listen and the Spirit begins to move in hearts and people are saved."

Centuries of spiritual darkness have left their mark on many Frenchmen. One evidence is the pervading mistrust of each other's motives. This is why personal evangelism and personal invitations to evangelistic meetings are essential.

Says Larry DeArmey, France Field Superintendent, "The beginning stage of our friendships with the unsaved is crucial, but the foundation must be a spiritual relationship."

The most natural way to begin friendships is with people of like interests and the France missionaries have a potpourri of educational backgrounds -- history, business, math, science, and psychology. Members of the team have penetrated their society for the purpose of meeting people, sharing their faith, and beginning evangelistic Bible studies.

The All-Important Role of the Chateau

Since 1964, the Chateau of St. Albain has served as an evangelistic and retreat center for groups of all ages. As well as serving local needs, it is also the home of such leadership training programs as Grace Seminary Extension in Europe, the Decentralized Bible Institute, Euro-Missions Institute, and the Pastoral Institute for World Mission.

Says missionary Kent Good, "Selection and development of church leadership was one of the Apostle Paul's major preoccupations and it must be ours as well."



The France Team

Chalon

Chris and Carolyn Nord

Chateau of St. Albain

Marlin and Sue Weaver

Dijon

Kent and Becky Good

Le Creusot/Montceau

Dave and Sue Griffith

Dave and Susie Hobert

Lyon

Ruth Ann Cone

Larry and Vicki DeArmey

Betsy Morris

John and Soni Viers

Language School

Paul and Louise Klawitter

Home Ministries

Patty Morris



Bodybuilding:

Its Strength is Determined by Cells

The entire missionary team in France is involved in bodybuilding; but their focus isn't physical, it's spiritual.

They are working to strengthen the body of Christ in France and they are accomplishing it through cell groups.

Says missionary Terry Julien, "A cell group is a small nucleus of people from the church who live in the same neighborhood. They meet several times a month to pray and study the Bible, to heighten each other's vision for lost souls in the

community, and to motivate each other to take responsibility in the church."

Each of the ten cell groups in France has a unique ministry. The church in Macon, which just celebrated its 10th anniversary, has been divided into four cell groups by Gerard Sangoy, the French pastor. They meet together for prayer, encouragement, teaching and evangelism.

In Lyon, the church's three cell groups are integrating new believers from a recent evangelistic campaign by astronaut James Irwin. They have also begun "Discovery Groups" for twenty students who attended the Institute of Natural and Applied Science.

The Le Creusot cell group made their debut recently at the city's prestigious industrial fair, an event that draws close to 50,000, when they were given permission to host a puppet show and literature table. While there, they distributed thousands of tracts, Gospels of John, and invitations to Good News Clubs and a Christian film. Since then, they have been following up contacts in their weekly Bible study and prayer time.

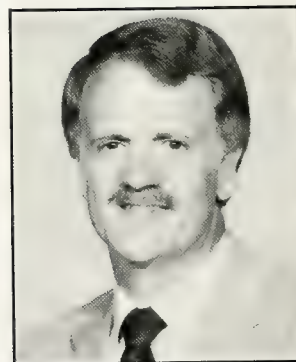
In Montceau, the cell group sponsors a radio broadcast at 8:45 a.m. one Sunday each month called "The Logic of Faith."

The Dijon cell group, the most recent church-planting endeavor, focuses primarily on the training of young leaders for Christian ministry through evangelization of university students.

A Message from the France Field Superintendent

We have targeted several cities to begin church-planting efforts in France. Could your gifts and abilities be used to complement an existing team, or to pioneer a new church-planting effort? We would like to hear from you!

Larry DeArme; Field Superintendent
100-D Cours Lafayette, 69003 Lyon, France



FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Making The Switch



Nancy Green

Missionary Nancy Green has been discipling her neighbor who accepted Christ recently. Says Glaucia, Nancy's neighbor, "I have prayed to Mary all my life, so it seems funny to be praying to Jesus now. I told Mary that I was sorry, but I wouldn't be praying to her anymore, then I thought about Mary being a disciple of Jesus and realized that Mary was probably happy I had made the change."

Hitting Home

"Planting churches around the world" cannot get more real and personal than when missionary pastor Tim Farner watched recently as Sebastian dos Passos Machado, the man who will take over his leadership of the Uberlandia, Brazil, GBC, baptized his son, Jay.



Tim Farner



To Marie with Love

Retired missionary Marie Mishler was reminded once again that "love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things" when her only supporting church, the Akron Ellet GBC, declared November 22 Anna Marie Mishler Day in order to thank her for being their representative in the Central African Republic for 40 years.

She was ushered into the "African style" sanctuary which had lifesize huts, an anthill with termites, African benches and cooking pots, and a replica of an African village and seated while a "This is your life" tape played. However, Marie soon learned that the "taped" voices were actually live people and friends who had worked with her in Africa. They were Bob and Lenora Williams, Roy and Ruth Snyder, Wayne and Dorothy Beaver, Marvin and Dorothy Goodman, Ruth Kent, Ruth Snyder, Jake Kliever, Ray and Edith Gingrich, and George and Jane Peters.

Says Pastor Harold Arrington, "We wanted to express our affection to Marie in a tangible way." The church presented her with a lighted curio cabinet and hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner in her honor.

Overcoming Tremendous Barriers

According to the Wall Street Journal, "Mexico is officially the most anti-religious country in the Western Hemisphere." Its Constitution, which was originally drafted in 1917 to counteract the economic and political hold of the Catholic church, has backfired.

Eighty-eight percent of the country is Catholic; 3% is Protestant. Religious broadcasting, television and journalism are prohibited. Churches may not own



Tom and Suzie Sharp



Brenda Welling

property and it is even possible for the government to assume ownership of a private home in which a house church has been established.

Says GBFM missionary Tom Sharp, "I was sharing Christ with a middle-aged man and he said, 'The Bible is a pack of lies. I don't need it, I'm Catholic.' We see this attitude quite often."

One of the girls in their Bible club was beaten frequently and finally forbidden to attend meetings. The mother's reasoning? "I was born, raised, married and will be buried Catholic. I cannot allow my daughter to believe anything else. If she would ever leave the Catholic church, she would lose her soul."

However, despite tremendous barriers, the Gospel is being shared through GBFM missionaries in Mexico. In the past year, many youths have accepted Christ as Savior through the border ministry of Tom and Suzie Sharp and Brenda Welling.

Materialism in Japan

For years, economists have been predicting a shift of world power and influence from the Western to the Eastern nations. Japan is bringing their predictions one step closer to fulfillment.

Part of Japan's success is found in the dedication of employees to their work. A six-day work week is the norm, and 60 percent of a worker's vacation time will pass by unused at the year's end, because employers find it difficult to make their employees use it. The average Japanese man will work 2,442 hours in a year, two months longer than the average American.

When the Gospel is presented, a common initial reaction is, "We're different, we have our own gods and ways of doing things". Long work hours have hindered the evangelization of the men in particular who simply aren't available to talk. Even after contact has been made and an individual accepts Christ, there are few hours available to men in which they can engage in Bible study and discipleship.

In spite of the hindrances materialism brings, God is building His church in Japan. Many Japanese are finding that there is little use in striving for material comforts if there isn't any time to enjoy them. Sensing a spiritual void, many Japanese are opening up to "new religious ideas" which gives Christianity a platform from which the Gospel can be heard.

There have been 5 converts since GBFM entered Japan in 1984.

A Call to Compassion

by Dean Fetterhoff, 1988 F.G.B.C. Moderator

"A Call to Compassion!" With this challenging theme we excitedly look forward to the national conference of The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches at the very lovely Marriott Desert Springs Hotel in Palm Desert, California, July 31 to August 5, 1988. We invite you to join us for what we trust will be not only a very enjoyable vacation experience, but also a place and time where we will meet with God in a spiritual experience of revival and renewed vision. With speakers such as Chuck Colson, Joni Erickson Tada, John Maxwell and others, we are sure to be challenged to new dedication and vision for the spread of the gospel.

However, we do not want our theme to be something by which we are challenged for only one week. Our desire is that this call to compassion will be before us all during these next months leading up to a wonderful climax at the national conference. To this end I am asking you to join me in seeking to reach three goals during the first six months of 1988.

The first goal is the sharing together in an International Day with God on Sunday, May 15, 1988. Many of our churches shared in the blessing of the Day with God suggested by last year's moderator, Tom Julien. In his moderator's address he recommended that this day be perpetuated this year, even expanding it to other nations. Therefore I have designated May 15, 1988 as the International Day with God when our churches around the world meet together before the throne of God in special prayer. I have contacted missionaries and national leaders on all our mission fields and am receiving an enthusiastic response. Although local schedules may dictate deviation from the scheduled day, I urge each church to plan a special Day with God for your church.

The second goal for which I ask your support is that of becoming involved in some sort of ministry to the neglected people of our nation -- those in prison, the handicapped, the aged, the hungry, crisis pregnancy centers and the like. In October I sent a letter to pastors asking them to respond and tell of the ministries they now have to such groups. Over 75 churches have responded thus far with almost all of them having a ministry to one or more of these groups. I was surprised to learn just what is being done! Over one-third of those responding have a participation in crisis pregnancy ministries. I

challenge your church to begin one or more of these ministries if you are not now involved. With the theme passage of Matthew 9:35-38, this will be strongly emphasized at national conference.

The final goal is one about which I am really excited. Last year at conference we heard over and over the fact that the most successful means of evangelism is families reaching families. Statistics demonstrate, testimonies bear witness and we've seen first hand in our churches that friends reaching other friends is how most people are won to Christ. Therefore, the third goal is one in which every family in every Grace Brethren Church can share. I am asking that you pray that God will give you the privilege of reaching one other family for Christ and seeing that family involved in your local church by June 30, 1988. Your church will shortly be receiving three pieces of material to help in this: (1) an enrollment card by which you can pledge yourself to pray for and endeavor to reach one family for Christ by June 30, 1988, (2) a book mark prayer reminder to keep the goal before you daily, and (3) a helpful brochure published by the C.E. office entitled "Sharing Your Faith" that will give you practical ideas as to how to be involved in other people's lives and how to share the gospel with them. We are grateful to the C.E. office for making these available and to the Brethren Missionary Herald for subsidizing the cost so that churches may have these in quantity at reduced rates. We have established June 30, 1988 as a reporting date to see what God does through our church families in the first six months of 1988!

Join me in prayer that God will give us a heart of compassion, and join us at Palm Desert, California July 31 to August 5 for what we are praying will be a wonderful time of celebration and revival!



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So Long, Ebenezer!

by Warren W. Wiersbe

The congregation was singing "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing," and I was enthusiastically doing my part when I found myself singing the wrong words. Apparently the editors of that particular hymnal (the name of which I've forgotten) had decided that most church goers didn't know the meaning of the phrase "Here I raise mine Ebenezer," so they had substituted another phrase. I was shocked.

I'm not suggesting that the text of a hymn is inspired, or that it is evil to change hymn texts to make them more meaningful. Nor do I plan to make our hymnals a test of fellowship or spirituality! But I have a feeling that this change may be a symptom of a much bigger problem. It may have been an accommodation to biblical illiteracy rather than a contribution to spiritual maturity.

For one thing, by dropping "Ebenezer," we are announcing that a lot of people in our churches don't know the biblical background of the familiar hymns and Gospel songs that we sing in our worship services. But, why don't they? Do they read their Bibles at all? Do they listen to sermons and Sunday school lessons that are based on the Word of God? Do they even study the Bible for themselves? Perhaps not. But, if that's the case, we aren't going to solve the problem by editing the Bible out of the hymnal. What we need to do is get the Bible back into the minds and hearts of worshippers.

In his book *Illiterate America*, Jonathan Kozol claims that 30 percent of the American people are "functionally illiterate." The statistics he cites are frightening, and the price we are paying for this illiteracy is appalling. One million teenagers, between 12 and 17, can't read above a third-grade level. Of eight million adults out of jobs, four to six million don't have the reading skills necessary for them to be retrained for hi-tech employment. No wonder this is the age of comic books, digests, video games and TV serials.

Traditionally, the church has been on the side of education. In fact, literacy and the Gospel have gone hand in hand all over the world. After all, every minister or missionary wants his converts to read and understand the Bible and be able to

teach it to others. The rise of the Christian day school movement is another evidence that God's people are not on the side of ignorance or illiteracy, and this is something to be proud of.

But back to Ebenezer. Perhaps one reason some worshipers don't know what they are singing is that they have never been taught. They are "Bible illiterates." When I was in the pastorate, I sometimes "explained" the biblical basis of a song before we sang it, and this helped the people express their worship intelligently. Some hymnals quote a related Bible verse beneath the hymn title, or include a "Scripture index" in the back; and while these things are helpful, they don't explain the biblical references in the hymn text itself. I think the time has come for us to educate the saints concerning the great hymns of the faith and let them know that, while the texts are not inspired, they are based on scripture.

We aren't going to solve the problem by editing the Bible out of the hymnal.

A friend of mine claims that modern translations of the Bible are a part of the problem, but I don't agree with him. At least they don't create a problem when it comes to Ebenezer! The NASB, NIV and New King James Version all have "Ebenezer" in the text and marginal notes explaining that it means "stone of help." Certainly some traditional "Bible phrases" have gone by the board because of modern translations, and perhaps for the better; but I don't think that's the real problem. The believer who reads and studies any dependable version of the Bible will have a good, basic understanding of what the great music of the church is saying.

In one of my pastorates, I often visited a retired man whose only interest in life was reaching higher levels of achievement in a society to which he belonged. He spent many hours reading assigned books and passing examinations, and I guess he did get higher and higher in the organization. After my visits, I often thought to myself, I

wonder what would happen in his life, and our churches, if he and every believer put the same amount of effort into getting to know the Bible?

Another factor, I think, is the general shallowness of worship in many churches today. When you get right down to it, in too many places it doesn't make a lot of difference what you sing or whether you understand what you sing, just as long as you participate and the service ends on time. Instead of being a dynamic experience that people enjoy, worship has become a dull routine that people just endure. The fact that they sing words that mean nothing to them really doesn't bother them because they don't expect much out of the worship service anyway.

We have today a lot of popular religious music that is experience centered and not at all biblically oriented.

Add to this another factor: We have today a lot of popular religious music that is experience centered and not at all biblically oriented. In fact, some of it is outright antibiblical and may be heard (sad to say) on some Christian radio stations. I have long maintained that a singer has no more right to sing a lie than a preacher has to preach a lie. On more than one occasion, I have had to get up and preach the Word after some soloist or musical group has sung a cute ditty that contained less theology than a nursery rhyme; and it was not easy to do. However, some of the saints didn't know the difference, and they even applauded the musicians.

A part of the problem is that Christian people have forgotten, and need to be reminded, that studying the Word and singing to the Lord must always go together. Ephesians 5:18-20 and Colossians 3:16,17 make it clear that the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to produce a song in the heart of the child of God. The better we know the Bible, the better we ought to be able to worship Him. But too much of present day "worship" is only religious entertainment, and the absence of scripture doesn't seem to bother the participants. There is more "heat" than "light," more applause than awe, more promotion than devotion. If everybody goes home "feeling good," the meeting has been a success.

All I'm asking is that our church music be based solidly on scripture, and that all of us as worshipers know what that Scripture passage means so that we may sing with understanding and appreciation. I fear too many of our musicians have already moved a long way from solid doctrine and

into shallow sentiment, and I see nothing on the horizon that will suddenly alter this trend. Once God's people develop an appetite for something, they will pay any price to satisfy that appetite, even if it means stunting their own spiritual growth.

So long, Ebenezer! You've been faithful, and you've encouraged many of us in the battles of life! But a lot of church folk have never met you and don't know who you are, and they've decided they can get along without you. But don't be discouraged! Some of your friends will soon be joining you, other Bible words that people don't recognize and won't take the time to understand.

It's not your fault, Ebenezer! It's just that God's people are busy and don't have time to read and study the Word. Please don't misunderstand me. They want to be spiritual, but they keep looking for shortcuts to spiritual growth, and they ignore the disciplines that make real maturity possible. They're so used to living on substitutes that, if the real thing did show up, they probably wouldn't recognize it anyway. So, don't take it too hard. It's been happening throughout the history of the church, and the only remedies seem to be persecution and revival.

Now, let's all sing together!

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer --
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I Hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander -- Lord, I feel it --
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart -- O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

(Robert Robinson)

One more thing.

If you want to enrich your soul, take your Bible and your hymnal, plus a good concordance, and trace the biblical references and allusions found in the great hymns of the church. Write these references in the margins of the hymnals, and you will soon have a valuable index to the spiritual messages of these hymns.

I agree with Martin Luther who said, "Next to theology, I give music the highest place and honor."

After all, music and theology both came from the heart of God; and what God has joined together, we must not put asunder. ■

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40 Years in Africa

by Raeann Hart

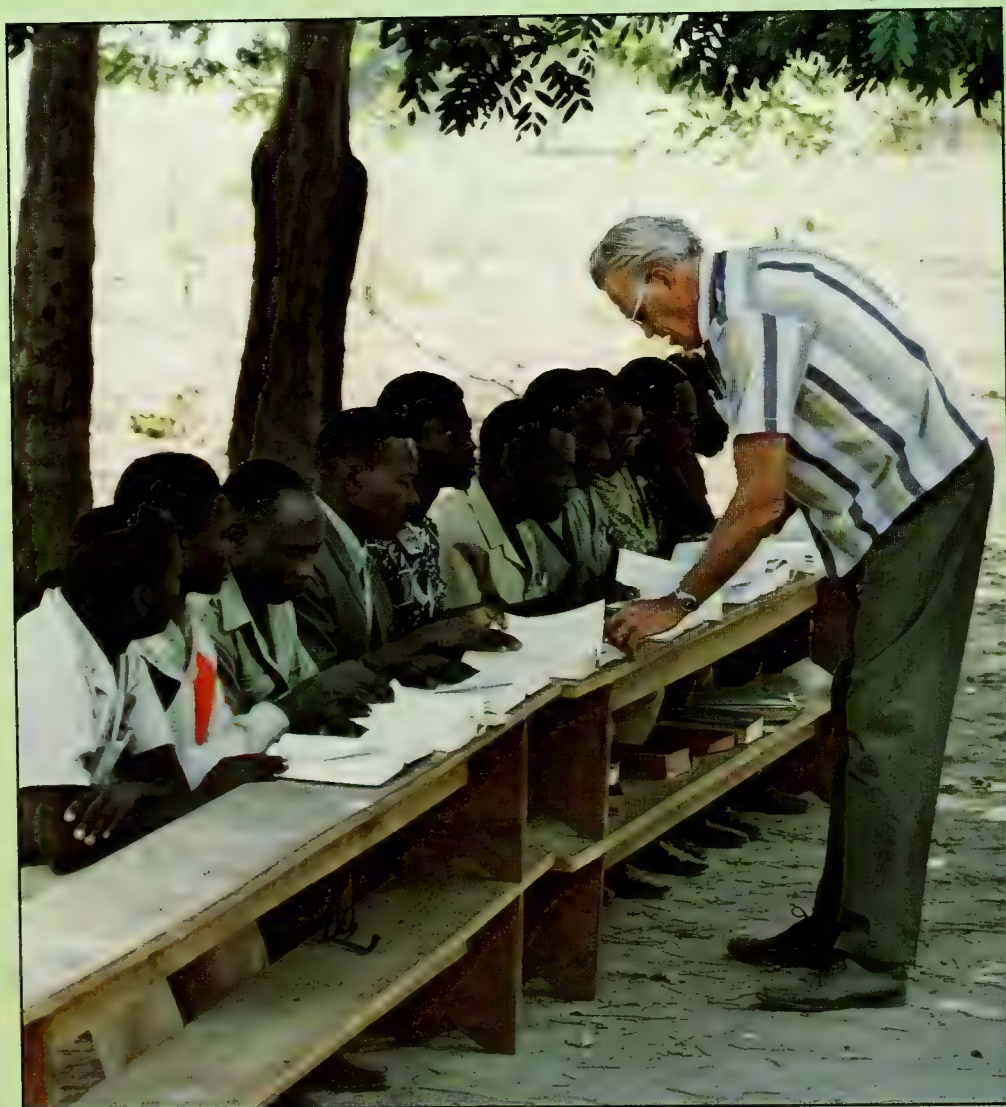
The story of how God took a country kid from a small town in Oregon and transformed him into a mighty missionary who was to reach Africans for Christ is an exciting one. Jake Kliever, now 82 and retired, spent 40 years with his wife, Freda, on the field. When they arrived in Africa, there were only 14

baptized believers. When they left in 1977, there were over 150 organized churches and a host of missionaries. How did God use the events in the Klievers' lives to prepare them to assist in this task?

Jake Kliever's grandparents were Mennonites who left the persecution of Holland for

Russia. When Katherine the Great came into power and commanded that all the young men join the army, the Klievers left Russia and migrated to England. Jake's father was 6 weeks old when the families left England by ship for North America. Jake's father's family settled in Oregon and his mother's family in Canada. Jake's dad received his United States citizenship papers after having lived as a child of a homesteader for 15 years.

He went to Canada when he was in his twenties and met Katherine Kliever. They were married and Jake was born in 1905. In 1912, they returned to Oregon and bought a farm near the old homestead built by Jake's grandparents which is still standing in Polk County, near Dallas, Oregon. Jake could speak 3 languages by the time he was seven: English, a Dutch dialect and German. He remembers the small town with its industry and tannery and the framework of fir trees that ran around the yard to break the wind and whisper him to sleep at night. He also remembers his father's reply when he was asked if he was a Russian. "If a calf is born in a pig pen, does that make it a pig?" was his reply.



Jake Kliever teaching Africans to read and study the Word of God.

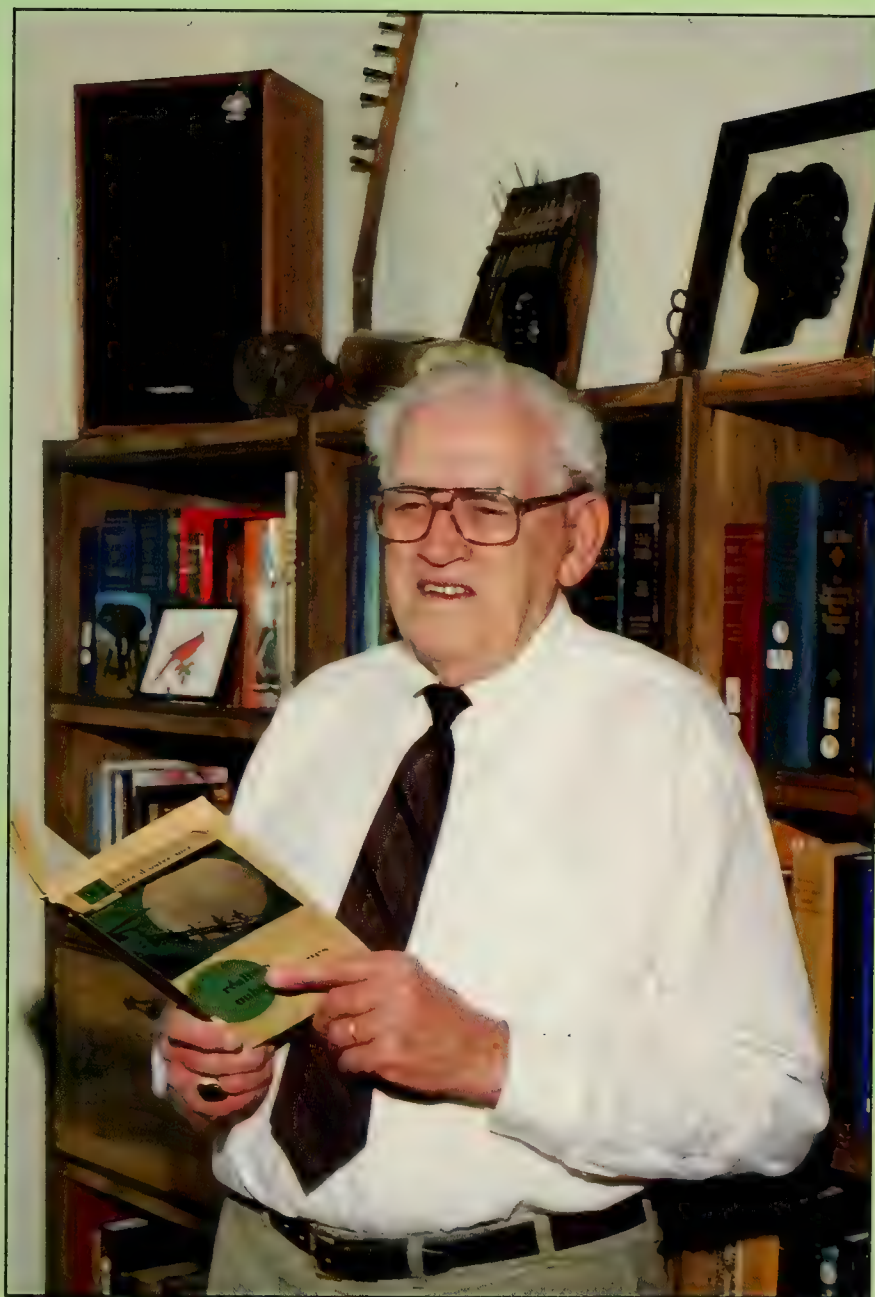
"Nobody had to tell me I was a sinner," Jake recalls. "I wanted to be a Christian when I was nine. They just patted me on the head and told me to be a good boy. Three times I wanted to become a Christian, but no one took me seriously. I went to church again when I was 18 and I found out that God loved me and wanted me. I asked God to clean me up and he did. I hurried home after church to tell my Mom and she said, 'You don't have tell me anything, I had 20 of your friends here praying for you.'"

Jake was working in the bakery trade making french pastries, pies and breads. His mother encouraged him to go to the Bible Institute in California. "I had to be a member of a church to attend the Bible Institute," Jake remembers. "I went to 2 churches and neither pastor would baptize me. Finally, I went to a third church and the pastor baptized me. Then when I got to the Institute, I found out I needed a High School diploma. I had taken an Alexander Hamilton High School course, so I took an equivalency test and passed it."

"Two months later I found out God had a plan for my life when I read Ephesians 2:10. *'For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.'* I told the Lord if He could do something with nothing, then I would do my best. He wanted nothing so he could do it all."

In addition to his studies at the Bible Institute and working at a lunch counter and as a janitor, Jake played the cello in a first string quartet, sang in a male quartet and became president of the glee club. He also tried his hand at directing. On his first try he remembers the class laughed at him, because he was so clumsy. "My mirror told me they were right, so I practiced," he said.

He also remembers an unusual visitor to the lunch counter where he was working. A young woman came in with a black



Now retired, Jake continues his study of the Word and to share its riches with everyone he meets.

child who had bright red hair. "It was the first time I had even seen such bright red hair on a black person," Jake says, "so I gawked. I was 19 at the time. The child looked straight at me and said, 'Daddy!' I didn't gawk anymore!"

After graduation from the Bible Institute, Jake took very concentrated post graduate studies in first aid and modern surgery. He studied Gray's book

on anatomy, watched operations, and learned to give injections, set bones, and deliver babies. Little did he know how much he would use those skills in Africa.

For 2 years, Jake worked for the Hollywood Presbyterian Church in the Japanese Division. He led Vacation Bible School, a Sunday School class and helped with camps. In 1928 he became the minister of music

and youth worker at Garden Grove Baptist Church. He was also working at a bank during this time and was chosen to attend government classes on International Banking at Anaheim. This training later proved to be invaluable while Jake served as the field treasurer in Africa for 11 years. He commented, "it helped me keep an even keel" while exchanging currencies and monitoring finances.

Through his singing with the male quartet, Jake received a one-year scholarship to Des Moines University. After that year, he returned to Garden Grove Baptist for 6 months, then went into a radio ministry for a few months.

In 1928, Jake's parents had followed him to California. One day Jake's mother invited some old friends from Oregon, who were also attending the Bible Institute, to her home. Jake came to his parents' home and asked his mother who this particularly lively and attractive young woman was. "Freda Neufeld," his mother replied. "That sourpuss, tomboy, killjoy?" Jake answered. He remembered that Freda was the sister of his good friend and as children she wouldn't leave them alone unless they would throw rocks at her until she would go home and tattle. Jake had a model A roadster and he invited the visitors to go for a ride and he had Freda sit beside him. Later Jake asked his mother to invite Freda to visit at Christmas. "I asked her to go caroling and she was ready in 15 minutes," Jake remembers. "That was a big plus. She looked as good as my sister did after an hour of primping." Jake also knew that Freda wanted to go to Africa as a missionary. He described Freda as being made of "pioneer stuff" and recalls that by New Year's Eve he was sure that she was the one for him. When Freda finally accepted Jake's proposal and he went home to tell his mother, she replied, "that's the one I was praying for."

In 1929 the North Long Beach Brethren Church called Jake to be their Youth Minister. He served there for 6 years as the Youth Minister and Minister of Music leading adult, junior and youth choirs and two orchestras. Jake recalls, "I wasn't ready to go Brethren, because of their crazy way of baptizing, but when I studied it with a practical, analytical type of study, I thought they were right. I always appreciated the Brethren stand: The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible."

Freda graduated from the Bible Institute and went back to Oregon with a diamond. She had visited Long Beach with Jake once before she left. When Jake arrived in Oregon for their wedding on August 31, 1930, he discovered that Freda, stricken with hay fever, had lost 25 pounds. Sometime later, a woman from the church was visiting Freda at the Kliever's home in California when an earthquake shook a picture off the wall. The woman picked up an old photo of Freda and asked her if she knew who the woman was. "This

is the woman we all thought Jake was going to marry," the woman said. Jake and Freda often had a good chuckle thinking of that misunderstanding.

Freda and Jake both wanted to go to Africa, but didn't know that The Brethren Church had a work there. Dr. Gribble visited Long Beach and told of the hardships and need in Africa. During that service Jake and Freda just looked at each other, nodded and went forward. Dr. Gribble encouraged the Klievers to attend Ashland Seminary in Ohio. At Ashland, Jake studied with and became close friends with Drs. McClain and Hoyt. Jake also sang in a male quartet with Bob Ashman, Ken Ashman and Lew Grubb. After 7 years of no schooling, Jake added Greek and Hebrew to his other 3 languages.

The Klievers became members of the Grace Brethren Church of Middlebranch, OH where Jake is still a member. Their first daughter Anne was born and the Klievers received word they were needed on the mission field. They went to Paris, France for a year where Anne celebrated her first Christmas and birthday. Jake received his High School French diploma and Certificate of Aptitude teacher's diploma and added French to his vocabulary.

The Klievers arrived in Africa late in 1938. They were the first white people many of the natives had seen. They lived in a mud hut with a grass roof and cooked their meals on a charcoal fires. Both Freda and Jake had grown up in a relatively primitive area and were prepared for their African lifestyle. Jake shot game and traded it to the natives for bananas, mangoes, pineapples, guavas, corn, spinach, peanuts, lime and string beans. They also gave seeds to the Africans and Jake would give any game he shot in the area to the local preachers to keep good relations.

Few of the women, but half of the men and nearly a quarter of the young fellows knew an intertribal language called "sango". Jake helped translate the Old Testament into this language. He also attacked the illiteracy problem. These people had been taught that they were an inferior race. Again, Jake's past experiences were invaluable. He recalled the ridicule he had received being of German descent during World War I. He remembered being called a "hun" and being told he was ugly and inferior. He taught the people that Christ had died for everyone. He told them they were not stepchildren but adopted children.

Before Jake came to Africa, they had been teaching the Africans to read using the "word" method. He was classified as "revolutionary," because he began teaching them with the "letter" method. 10 years later, Wycliffe came and the old "word" method was discarded in favor of the more effective "letter" method. Jake taught the young parents to read and write first. They in turn taught their children and parents. They were not disrespectful when teaching as their children might have been if they had learned to write before their parents could.

Jake still remembers when one of the Africans realized that paper could "talk". He was fixing his truck when a young man brought him a note from Freda telling him to come to the house. "It does! It does! The paper talks!" he kept repeating. Jake was also different from others in Africa because, as the Africans would say, "Kliever gives his people paper." Teaching the Africans to read and write was vitally important to enable them to read and study the Word by themselves. They were taught to use reference books and concordances so they could make their own gardens in God's Word.

One of Mr. Klievers most interesting discoveries was that the older natives used only a five tone scale when singing. Americans use an eight note scale with 5 half tones. Jake wrote a music primer for the people and 40-50 songs in the five tone scale that the natives could sing. He also wrote about his discovery and his article was published in articles all over America, including in the *Herald*. The young Africans could learn to sing using the complete scale.

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In their early years in Africa, lions, elephants and leopards roamed freely. They did not travel during the rainy season when the grass was tall, because elephants would charge the headlights on the truck. Over the years, the Klievers experienced a few close calls with snakes and a rabid dog and Jake even killed two leopards, but they always felt the Lord's protection. "I've slept with lions and leopards around me and not been afraid, because the fear of man is in animals," Jake commented, "though a few tribes were blood drinkers and they must have a different odor, because I've seen leopards, lions and hyenas charge these people." Jake is certain that once he was eating a python, but when he asked his host what type of meat they were eating, he received the reply, "it is meat from the forest."

The stories Jake can tell of Africa and God's blessing there could fill a book. During the war they ran out of anti-venom serum and Jake treated 31 cases of snakebite without the serum and did not lose one patient. Once he had one chance to throw a spear at a cobra that had been roused by an ostrich near his family and the spear found its mark. Freda and Jake ministered to lepers and did not contract the disease. God continued to bless their ministry and them with good health.

Jake helped deliver his second daughter, Donna while in Africa. Both of his daughters are grown, married and have blessed Jake with 4 grandchildren. Jake and Freda worked in Africa,

teaching the people and spreading God's word until Jake was 72 years old. Freda and Jake returned to the United States in 1977 and have continued to do the Lord's work. Freda went to be with the Lord and Jake now lives in Grace Village in Winona Lake, Indiana. He continues to study God's Word, ministers at the church in Middlebranch, Ohio and travels via Amtrak, witnessing to everyone he meets.

"If we don't teach people to trust the Lord, then we fail in the big thing," Jake says. His biggest concern for Christians is that they do not neglect Christian fellowship and the meaningful study of God's Word. "After 64 years I'm still digging out new things," he says of his own study of the Word. "I think folks are so heavily programmed that they don't go to church meetings unless they think they have the time. They may forget personal perusal of the Word of God for their own good. The world knows they are sinners. The tragedy of hell is that there are so many 'nice' people there."

With his machine that magnifies type and his bookcases full of study books, Jake Kliever continues to study God's Word and share its riches with everyone he meets. As dapper and dynamic at 82 as he must have been when he first arrived in Africa, Jake Kliever is living proof that God can use whoever is willing to do His will.



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Even When You're "Older"

The "Older" churches also enjoy a time of building. The Grace Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, was established in 1904. The church has developed into a true missions sending church, having one of the larger groups of ordained ministers and missionaries in the east.

Over the last few years, the missions offerings have more than doubled. The church also saw the need to expand its own facilities in the areas of Christian

Education and community ministry. The present \$450,000 addition will increase the facility by one third.

While the district is enjoying "new" church growth, the Canton Grace Brethren Church is an "older" church with God's wonderful future at her doorstep.

As you pray for the Churches of our Fellowship, don't neglect to pray for the "older" growing church.

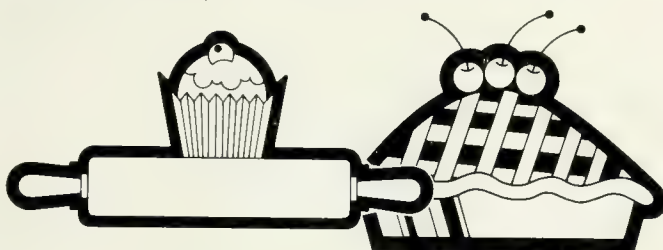
-- Pastor Terrance Taylor

The Blessings of Prayer

by **Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Hammers**
Winona Lake, IN

It was a rainy Saturday morning. The door was locked, but outside the ladies waited with their hands full of goodies. A casual observer might have thought, "Oh, just another craft and bake sale". However, this was no ordinary event. It was a very special day in God's sight.

For weeks our entire church family had been praying earnestly for little five-year-old Joel who had surgery for a rare malignant tumor and for Dave, a young father facing critical surgery for a brain tumor. The fact of enormous medical bills was also on our minds. We cared and God had led several young families to organize this two day craft and bake sale. The doors opened and by afternoon the food tables were empty. A quick call was made to the WMC Prayer Chairman -- God worked -- the women eagerly responded and by the next morning the tables were full again. By the end of the day all the food was gone and there was more than \$3,500 for the two families.



Prayer does marvelous things for the Lord's people. When we pray for someone a greater love and concern is born in our hearts for them and a desire to do something springs forth. It is a binding experience between us and those in need. It strengthens our faith as our Lord responds and helps us to be able to accept His will in the way He answers. God knew little Joel's greatest need was to be with Jesus and in tender love took him home to glory.

Another wonderful result of praying is the way it brings strangers together as friends. Recently a lovely teenager suffered an illness which necessitated a hospital stay in a distant city. We prayed and wrote letters of encouragement and a friendship started which is still growing. Many people in your church or neighborhood need a new friend and the message of God's love. Why not let God work through you this new year and reach out to someone through the gifts of prayer and love.



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A Trip Through the Fire

by Liz Cutler

It became a familiar sight in Grace Brethren gatherings around the nation -- the attractive Black couple singing gospel tunes in close harmony; the tall, dapper pastor and his diminutive wife sharing their testimony through music.

Earl and Cosy Pittman had been singing together since the first moment they met while students at Atlanta's Morris Brown College. During the years he studied at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN, they were in demand for special music and even after they moved to Xenia, OH in 1984 to begin a Grace Brethren Church, they continued a concert ministry.



Earl and Cosy Pittman

Their opportunity to sing at the Northwest District Conference last February was rather routine. Leaving their three children with friends in Xenia, OH, they flew to Sunnyside, WA. They were excited about the opportunity to be involved in the conference and they were to meet with district officials to discuss the possible beginning of a Black work in the Northwest area.

Only one thing clouded the trip. Cosy had a cold.

"It was a bad cold," she recalls. "But I didn't pay any attention to it." She coughed through a

couple of concerts and doctored herself as best she could.

Returning to Ohio, she dove into conditioning the girl's track team at the junior high where she taught.

And the cold continued to worsen. Her chest felt heavy and at times, the pain was unbearable.

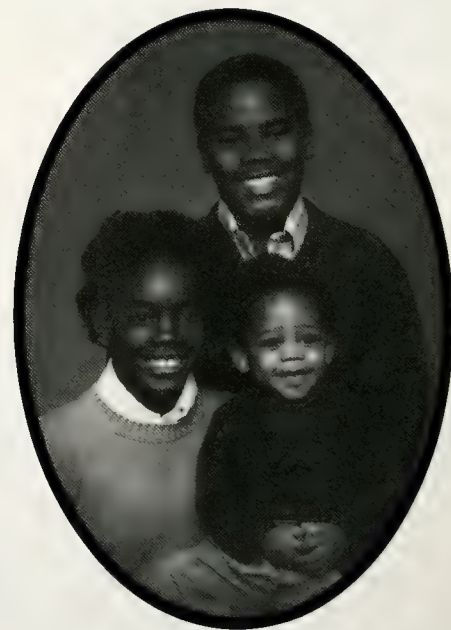
Cosy had taken her personal and sick days to minister in Washington. "I didn't want to lose any pay, so I just didn't take off," she recalls.

One Friday morning in March, she arrived at school, ready for another day of teaching English and Spanish. But by the time she walked the short distance from the parking lot to the teacher's lounge, she collapsed.

"That's when it started," she notes.

By the following Monday, she was in the hospital for the first of several extended stays.

At first she was diagnosed as having pneumonia. But the condition didn't improve. One morning as the lung specialist attempted to take some tissue for testing, she coughed real hard. The lung punctured and collapsed 60 percent.



Shaye, Sean and Isaac



Earl checks Cosy's sugar level in her blood.

The tissue revealed a need for further tests and the doctors scheduled an open lung surgery.

"They had to see which area of the lung was damaged the most," she says.

The whole right lung and a portion of the left one was injured.

"They seemed to feel that it came from the pneumonia because I'd let it go so long without treatment," she adds.

The condition was diagnosed as interstitial pulmonary fibrosis where the nodules in the lung harden so that oxygen cannot be diffused throughout the body. It can be treated only with large doses of corticosteroids such as prednisone.

And the disease is terminal.

The prednisone, which was to keep the disease in check, also had some side effects. One of them was sugar diabetes.

Energetic Cosy, always on the go tending to her family, leading Bible studies, and spending time with her students, was bedfast. A nurse had to be engaged to care for her when the family wasn't home.

"We never understand why the Lord allows certain things to happen." She speaks slowly, often pausing for a breath. "But through the whole thing, somebody gets saved, or gets to know the

Lord, or starts depending on Him. The Lord allowed me to continue to have enough strength to tell people about him and to share the Gospel in the hospital."

The disease has taken a toll on Cosy's body. The prednisone has not worked effectively and the fibrosis has continued to spread. She must always be on oxygen and her diet is closely monitored to help control the diabetes.

But it hasn't slowed her down -- much.

"There are days that I can't do anything but just raise a finger," she admits. But she continues to disciple a variety of women and girls from her bed. Nights when she cannot sleep are often spent in prayer and she is frequently on the phone encouraging far away family and friends.

"I really thought I was ministering," she says of her healthier days, "but I guess the Lord's not done yet."

The experience has drawn her family closer together.

"Sometimes God has to take you through the fire for you to really realize your full potential for Him," says Earl, who currently serves as associate pastor at the Calvary Brethren Church in nearby Kettering and teaches at Dayton Christian School. (The church planting effort in Xenia was discontinued



Terri helps adjust Cosy's oxygen on a trip to the doctor.

last year.) "As a family, it's rough for us right now. In the end, I think we're the ones who are going to benefit."

Shaye, 16, Sean, 14, and Isaac, 4, all pitch in to help with household chores and care for their mom. But Earl and Cosy also make sure they are involved in school and church activities.

"Shaye was real bitter for awhile because it was just like everything fell on her with being the girl," notes Cosy. "I think we weren't sensitive enough to realize that's what was happening."

A junior at Dayton Christian High School, Shaye has found her mother's illness has given her an opportunity to minister to others. "It's kind of neat because I get to lift other people up," she says with a quick smile.

Perhaps what has overwhelmed the family most has been the expressions of love they have received from their community and from throughout the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Nearly half a dozen scrapbooks are filled with cards and notes from family and friends around the country. And often they arrived with a financial gift to help with expenses.

"Insurance pays for 90 percent of my oxygen," she notes. Other big expenses are also covered by her insurance. But just when they need to purchase insulin or pay a doctor bill, a few dollars arrive in the mail.

"We haven't had to really want for anything," says Earl. "God, through his people, has just really been there when we needed Him and just blessed abundantly."

Throughout his wife's illness, Earl has maintained his cheerful spirit.

"I've always been able to turn things over to the Lord," he says. "I'm just trusting Him through the whole thing. I just don't worry about a lot of things because I know it doesn't do any good to worry. All I do is make myself sick then I won't be able to

function in the role in which I'm supposed to function," he adds. "I simply turn it over to Him and keep my faith and trust in Him."

The Pittmans have come to grips with the fact that Cosy is dying. The doctors originally gave her two to ten years to live, but that has been shortened.

"We talk about 'Oh, won't it be great to see the Lord come now,'" says Cosy, her eyes filling with tears. "We joke about stuff like that, but when it's actually true, it's scary."

She pauses for a breath, tears streaming down her face.

"It's scary. On one hand, I'd love to see the Lord. There have been times I've been hurting so bad, it's almost like 'take me now, okay? This is it, I'm through with it.'"

But at those moments, four-year-old Isaac bounds through her bedroom door to tell her about his day at pre-school or Shaye and Sean sit on the end of her bed to pick out music for a special event where they are singing.



Cosy continues to minister from her bed.

And she dreams of singing again with her husband. "I probably won't make it through the whole concert because I'll probably cry through half of it," she says, "but I'm going to sing." ■



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Getting Around To Christ

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"I've always wanted to follow Christ, but never gotten around to it," says Tammy Rea, a 29-year-old computer operator from Hartford, City, IN.

She and her husband, Doug, hadn't been attending church

until someone invited them to the Grace Brethren Church. "Although I had attended churches of various denominations, I had never before been to one so warm and friendly," she recalls. "That congregation and Pastor Phil and Minda Spence were the stepping stones in the progression of my life with Christ."

After a Valentine's banquet last February, Tammy and Doug stopped to see the Spences.

"They had been attending the church about one month," recalls the pastor. That evening he shared the plan of salvation with the couple. "Doug rededicated his life, but Tammy stated she had never trusted Christ before. She did that evening."

The couple and their two child-



Tammy, Doug, Brock and Braun Rea

ren have been enthusiastically involved in the ministry of the Hartford City GBC. They faithfully attend Sunday services and a Wednesday evening Bible study.

Tammy has "gotten around" to trusting Christ and serving Him.

Innovative Church Planting Method Used in Texas

"We didn't get what we expected, but I believe we got something better," reports Pastor Ron Guiles after the opening Sunday for the Grace Fellowship Church in Hurst, TX. One hundred and forty-six individuals attended the first worship service on November 22.

The new church is the result of an innovative method of church planting which uses the telephone.

Beginning in early October, a team of interested individuals began calling residents in a targeted area of the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area. By the time the "dial-ups" were completed, more than 46,000 homes had been contacted with an invitation to attend. This produced a list of nearly 5,000 individuals who wanted more information about the new church. Of that number, it was expected that ten percent would attend the opening service of this new ministry.

"We didn't get the large, large numbers we had anticipated," adds the pastor, "but the people who came were really, really interested." Many of the people are interested in becoming involved in the new work.

Those who have used the teleministry report that half of those who attend on the first Sunday will continue to be involved. However, Pastor Ron is confident that the retention rate at Grace Fellowship will be higher.

The new group is currently meeting at a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hurst, Texas. However, there is an urgent need to move the services to a new location. Pray with Pastor Ron Guiles, and Pastor Steve Howell as they work with this new group of people and as they seek a new meeting location.



Dallas Teleministry Team -- Gerald and Phyllis Polman; Steve and Sherie Howell and Christi, Janell, Marc, Phillip and Sandy; Ron and Irene Guiles.

A Pastor's Longing For Revival

by Dr. Truman Dollar

Braniff flight 544 to Detroit tipped slightly forward, telegraphing that we had begun our descent into Metro Airport. I was in a reflective mood, alternating between reading Craddock's new book on preaching and letting my mind wander about the future.

Yesterday, I was 50 years old. I had purposely planned a 10-day vacation to be away from home when I reached that milestone -- no fanfare, no party -- just some happy times with my family and some time alone. The family remained in Missouri while I returned early to Detroit to the tasks ahead and my pulpit.

The next four days I would be alone. I looked forward to it. My mind worked overtime as I reviewed the years. The world has changed dramatically during the half century of my life. America became the most powerful democracy on earth. Israel was reborn just as God promised. In my lifetime the average annual family income in the United States increased from \$1,893 to \$29,212. Our population doubled. I remember the day FDR died, the assassination of JFK, and the day I met Ronald Reagan. Technology exploded. Television, computers, and space travel all came about in that same 50 years.

As I view life at 50, I think my perspective is the thing that has changed most. When I turned 30 I wanted to build a large church. At 40 I wanted to learn how to preach. But at 50 I want to know God deeply. I am not sure if that is chronology or personal growth.

My values have certainly changed. Material possessions don't appeal to me. I don't really want anything -- not an automobile, golf clubs, nothing. If I have learned anything it is that

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things don't satisfy. I could have learned it at 20 if I had understood and believed Solomon.

I want the remaining years of my life to be significant. The reality of one's mortality is sobering. In the brief time I had alone, I reflected on some things I want to do and some things I want to learn. Since early childhood I have been a voracious reader, but that is not enough to make life rich. You must experience things, not just read about them. I thought seriously of the things I want to do.

I want to learn to sail. I have flown since my early thirties. It helped me absorb modern technology. I think sailing will help me touch the past. I want to learn it well -- to feel comfortable in a good-sized rig. The silence, the wind, the spray will minister to my mind.

I have a compulsion to view life under Communism, especially in China where a fifth of the world lives. I want very much to know personally the great revival that has occurred there in the last decade. I feel it would give more significance to my preaching and to the command to preach the gospel to every creature.

But above all things, I want to see and experience revival in America. The second chapter of Joel 2 looms large in my life. Peter

explained Pentecost as a "presence of God" like Joel talked about. Joel suggested there would be times when God would supernaturally and sovereignly move, and I yearn to be a part of it. My love of history gives passion to my desire.

The stories of Whitefield, the Wesleys, Jonathan Edwards, and David Brainerd burn in my soul. I read enviously of God's visitation in their generation. I pore over the same material written by a dozen authors. I know the obscure elements, pains, victories, and disappointments of their lives. But reading is not enough.

I read the story of Evan Roberts and the great Welsh revival of 1904, and I marvel at how a whole nation was moved. Whole workshops erupted with a desire for God.

The story of the great American prayer revival of 1857 and 1858 astounds me most. Beginning with six people in New York City, a lay-led revival of prayer swept thousands of New England communities. In my mind, I follow a map from city to city watching God respond to the pleading of His people. More than a million souls came to Christ.

I want to be present the next time God moves sovereignly among His people. I don't need to be a leader or an instigator. I just want to be present.

Some believe God may let the church age end like it began, with a great revival. Oh, God, just let me be a part. I would die happy.

My life may be two-thirds gone, but there is enough time for revival. Lord, let it come. At 50, that is my burden. ■

Dr. Truman Dollar is Senior Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Redford, MI. Reprinted by permission from the *Fundamentalist Journal*, November, 1987.

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-- Charles W. Turner

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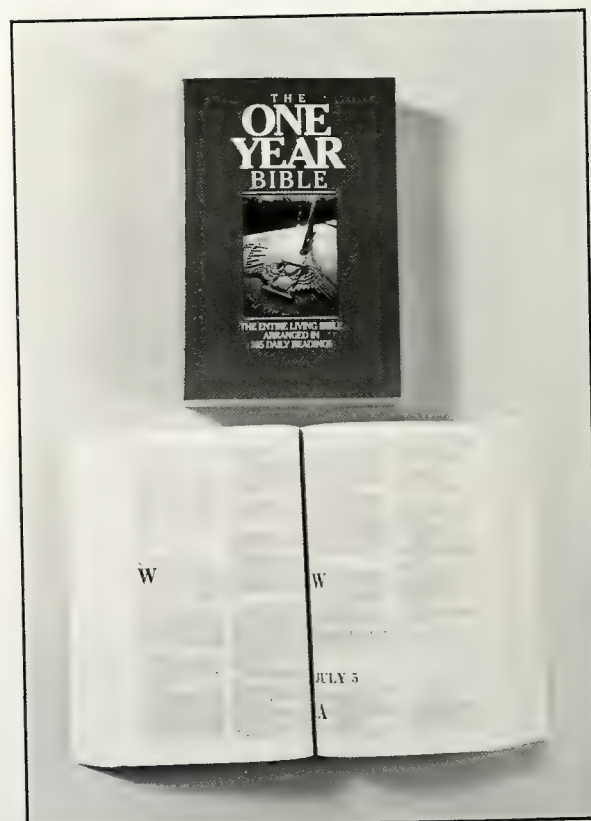
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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MARRIAGES

The following weddings were performed in the Myerstown (PA) Grace Brethren Church, Luke Kauffman, pastor:

BARE: Lisa Himmelberger and Richard Bare, August 22, 1987. Pastor Carroll Bingaman was the officiating minister.

KLOPP: Heather MacFadyen and Timothy Klopp, October 31, 1987. Pastor Jeff Dunkle officiated.

MILLER: Mary Hamilton and Robert Miller, August 29, 1987.

NGUYEN: Cindy Wenger and Mao Nguyen, October 17, 1987.

RUBART: Debbie Ausband David Rubart, October 3, 1987.

STOEVER: Jody Achey and Michael Stoever, November 7, 1987.

DEATHS

CLANCY, MRS. LORIENE, 90, August 2, 1987. She was a member of the Myerstown (PA) Grace Brethren Church. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

JURKE, ANNA, 91, November 24, 1987. She was the mother of Ronald Jurke (an ordained minister in the Grace Brethren Fellowship) and a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

MATHYS, RETHA, November 10, 1987. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Homer-ville, OH. Robert Holmes, pastor.

NEWS UPDATE

CALIFORNIA CHURCHES VOTE TO MERGE

At a well-attended business meeting after the morning service on December 13, 1987, Grace Fellowship Church of Long Beach (formerly North Long Beach Brethren) voted to call Dr. Mick

Ukleja as pastor, and to merge with Grace Community Church of Los Alamitos. 549 people cast ballots, and more than 73% of them favored the merger.

On January 3, Pastor Ukleja began preaching at Grace Fellowship Church at the 9 a.m. service, while preaching at Los Alamitos at 10:45 a.m. The two churches are about 14 miles from each other. On Sunday evenings, creative things will be done with the staff pastors of both churches sharing ministries.

Both churches have been seeking land in the same area, and have two different parcels under consideration, both in the extreme southeast area of Long Beach. Los Alamitos is currently meeting in a leased school building, and their lease is non-renewable. Grace Fellowship Church has at least two buyers interested in their present property.

Sometime in 1988 the two churches will begin meeting together in a leased facility, possibly a high school; until their own new buildings are completed. The pastoral staffs of the two churches will all continue in the new church and corporation. A name has not yet been selected for the merged churches.

The new church formed will apply for membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

— Associate Pastor Ralph Colburn

YOUTH FOR CHRIST REUNION

The founders and leaders of the forty-three-year-old Youth for Christ movement will gather in Chicago this year to celebrate the past and pass on the torch to a new generation of leaders.

Evangelist Billy Graham, founder Dr. Torrey Johnson, and former YFC president Dr. Ted W. Engstrom will head a celebrated group of former Youth for Christ leaders at the Celebration of Hope, October 20-23, 1988 at the Chicago O'Hare Marriott Hotel.

The announcement was made jointly by Jim Groen, President of Youth for Christ International, and Richard Wynn, President of Youth for Christ/USA. Dr. Roy McKeown, President of World Opportunities International, Hollywood, CA, was named Executive Director of the event.

Contemporary church historians credit Youth for Christ with the impetus for organizations such as the Billy Graham Association, World Vision, World Opportunities International, Trans World Radio, Greater Europe Mission, Overseas Crusade, Gospel Films, and other ministries that have shaped worldwide evangelism since World War II.

Very few records remain of those involved in the early leadership of Youth for Christ, so the committee has launched an intensive effort to contact anyone who served as a staff member, lay leader or musician in a local chapter. The committee would like these people to identify themselves by writing to: 1988 Celebration of Hope, Reunion Office, c/o World Opportunities International, 1415 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

Mr. Jerry Twombly, who has served since 1984 as Director of Development for Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN, plans to conclude his ministry at Grace on August 31, 1988. His future plans are uncertain at this time.

John Gillis is the pastor of the eighth Grace Brethren church in Alaska, called the Great Land Grace Brethren Church of East Anchorage.

GRACE ENROLLMENT

Fifty-eight students have enrolled in Grace Seminary West, Long Beach, CA, for the first semester of its existence. Dr. E. William Male is a monthly commuter between Long Beach and Winona Lake (IN) as he assumes duties with both seminaries.

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DOUBLE WEDDING

Dr. Paul R. Bauman recently performed a double wedding for two granddaughters in Indiana, which is a rather unusual privilege. Aldine, Paul's wife, remains a total invalid in a nursing home in Longview, Texas.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Herman Hoyt, president emeritus of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, and Ed Jackson, eastern director of Grace Brethren Home Missions, Winona Lake, IN, were special guests of the Allegheny District Ministers' Retreat held at Camp Albryoca, Meyersdale, PA. During the retreat they viewed portions of potentially usable film series for their churches by Dr. James Dobson and Dr. R. C. Sproul. Mike Ocealis, pastor of the Shade Grace Brethren Church, Windber, PA, was welcomed to their district. Eighteen men attended all or part of the retreat.

Dale Hostetler has resigned from the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Yakima, WA, after serving there for eleven years. He is awaiting the Lord's direction concerning his future ministry, but will continue to work with the church to obtain a successor.

Pastor Roy Glass resigned as senior pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Troy, OH, and accepted a call to be the associate pastor of the Huber Heights Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH.

Pastor Ned Denlinger resigned as associate pastor of the Troy, OH Grace Brethren Church and is currently helping in the Cincinnati, OH Grace Brethren Church.

Roy E. Glass, III, has accepted the unanimous call of the Troy, OH church to be their senior pastor after serving three years as their youth pastor.

The first Annual Knepper's Alaskan Fish N' Camp has been scheduled for July 1-9, 1988. This will prove to be a "rustic Alaskan camping and fishing experience for men and boys, centered around God's Word." For more information, contact: J. M. Knepper, Director, Knepper's Alaskan Fish N' Camp, 2079 Radnor Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815 (Tel. 213/493-4921).

"Celebration of Teamwork" had six Northern Atlantic district churches participate on October 18, 1987. This was a unique service and was held at the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church in Telford, PA, and included representatives from the following churches: Lehigh Valley, First and Third in Philadelphia, Tri-County, and the host church. Contemporary and traditional music was presented by musicians from several of the participating churches. Rev. Ed Lewis challenged the 446 people in attendance with a message on teamwork. A refreshment and fellowship hour followed.

The purpose of the celebration was to create a sense of unity and encourage a closer relationship among the churches in that part of the district. Another such gathering is being planned for April 13, 1988.

The 1988 Grace Brethren Annual has been placed in the mail. A copy has been sent to all Grace Brethren Ministers, three copies to all churches (unless more have been requested) and a copy to all persons on the *Annual* mailing list.

JOIN US IN ALASKA, CHINA

Two travel opportunities are being offered through Grace College and Theological Seminary this spring.

Grace President Dr. John Davis, a

noted outdoorsman and fishing expert, will lead a group to Soldota, Alaska, for a week of fishing for salmon, halibut, rainbow trout, and other species. The trip is scheduled June 2-8 and costs \$1,365 plus airfare.

The Grace Alumni Association is sponsoring a tour May 24 -- June 8 to China. The tour will be hosted by Alumni Relations Director Don Ogden and Jim Irwin, the Apollo 15 astronaut and one of only 12 people to have walked on the moon. Cost for this trip is \$2,899 per person from San Francisco.

Call the Grace Alumni Office, 1-800-54-GRACE (outside Indiana) or 1-800-845-2930 (in Indiana) for more information about your reservation.

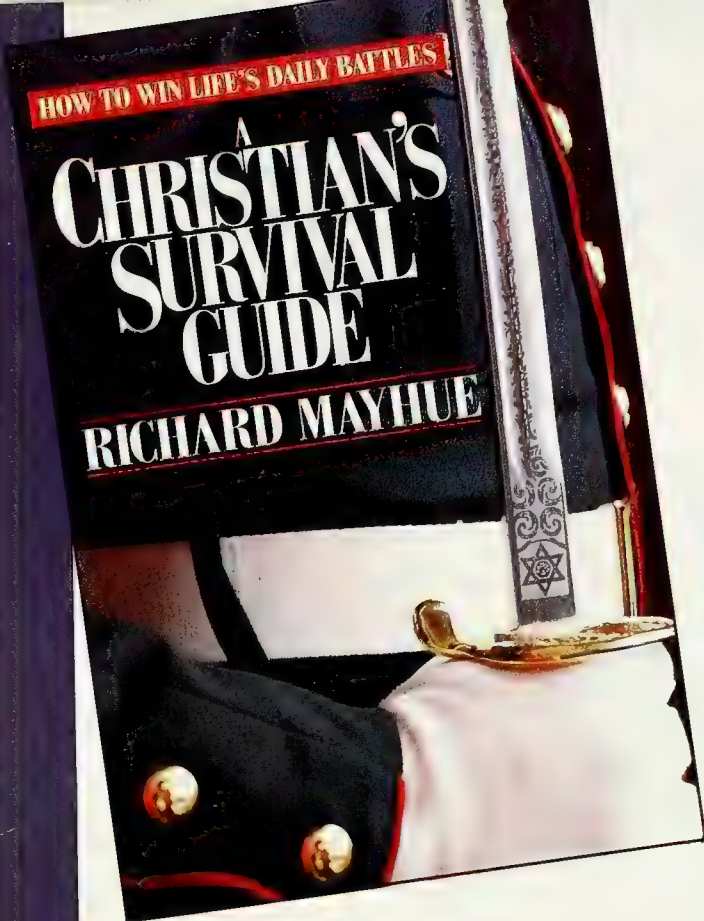
GRACE NURSING PROGRAM CHANGES MEET WITH SUCCESS

The 20-month nursing degree program at Grace College has undergone significant changes during the last two years, and measurable improvements have resulted, according to Rozella Sherman, head of the Nursing Department.

The changes include refinements of the program curriculum revisions, and integration of practical experience into the academic program, Miss Sherman explains. The results are already showing up in Grace nursing graduates' scores in the Indiana State Nursing Board licensing examinations. All of the 1987 nursing graduates from Grace passed the exam with very good scores. The Grace graduates placed fourth among nearly three dozen nursing schools represented by those taking the 1987 test.

Several new faculty have been added in the nursing department, all holding masters degrees in their teaching specialties. "That is a key element in the strength of the nursing program," Miss Sherman says.

Grace plans to develop a four-year nursing curriculum. Graduates of the present program who pass the licensing examination become registered nurses.



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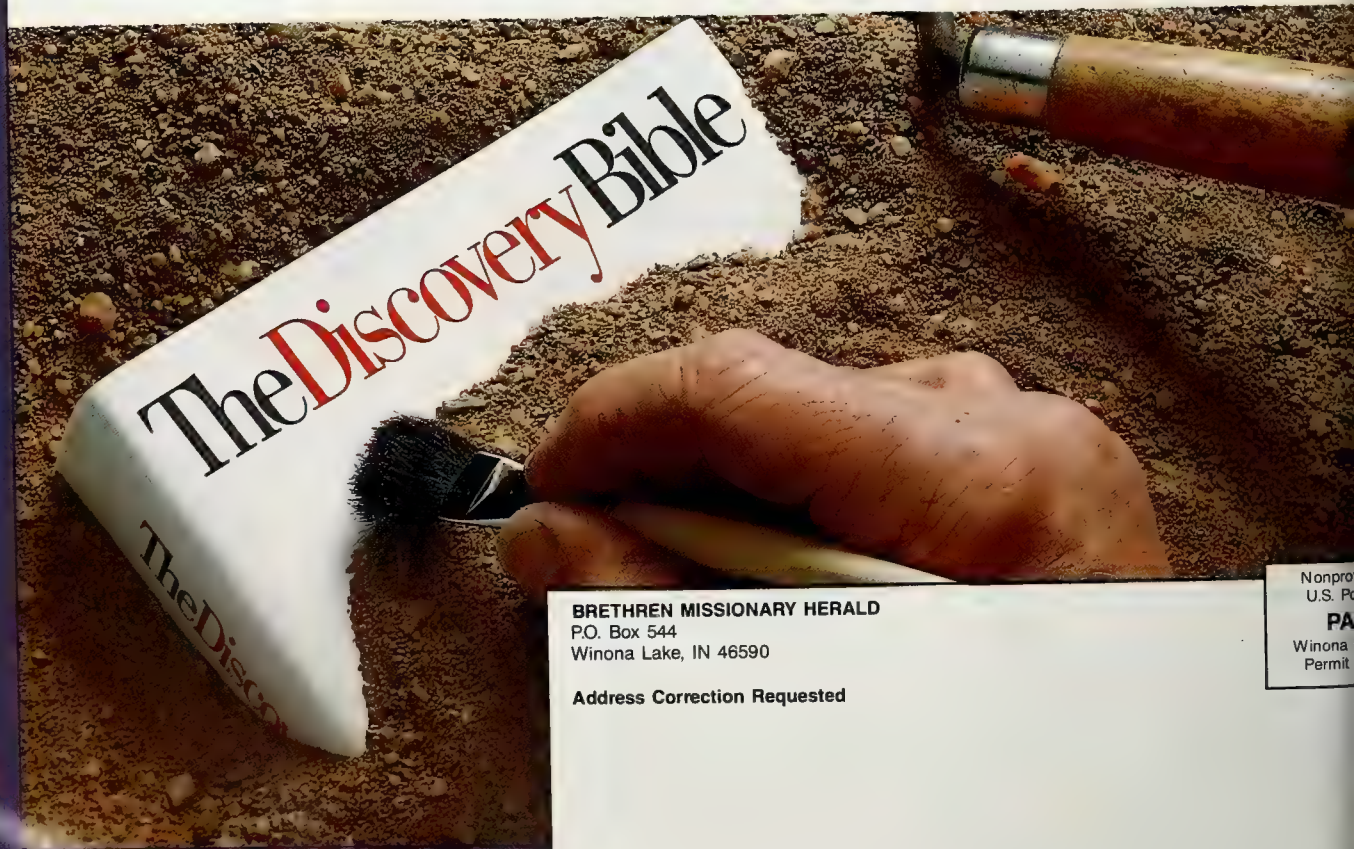
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Farewell to an Old Bag

by Charles W. Turner

I have a very difficult time throwing away old things. Left to my own methods of operation, I will save or store any kind of object: rubber bands, paper clips, magazines, newspaper articles, or even the whole newspaper! Every magazine holds a gem hidden on each page that I feel will be used in a future editorial or some piece of written material. I still have records dating back to the early days of my college life. They are a part of history. Stored in my dresser drawer are old electric razors, eye glasses and watches -- do I have watches! Some of them have not run for years. My income tax forms and cancelled checks go back to 1948. I have one of the finest collections of cancelled checks you have ever seen.

So, when a decision was demanded concerning my old Hartman luggage bag, I stood at a crossroad in my life. It was a gift from the Rittman, Ohio congregation when I started my roaming days back in the 1960's. It has been to 31 countries with me. The handle had been torn off by United, American, and Republic (now Northwest) airlines. A healed wound on its side reminded me of the sharp spear I brought back from Africa which wasn't packed well. It has criss-crossed the Atlantic and ventured to the Pacific a number of times. As a companion for some 26 years, it had begun to show signs of wear.

The latches were not all that tight and it had a tendency to surrender its contents when hit with the stiff arm of a careless baggage handler. Several years ago, June had suggested "enough was enough! Loyalty is one thing, but blind loyalty is much too much."

During the past few years I have permitted myself leisure strolls through the luggage departments of discount houses and outlet stores. I left each time with a sense of guilt. What would my faithful old Hartman bag think, if it only knew of these pursuits?

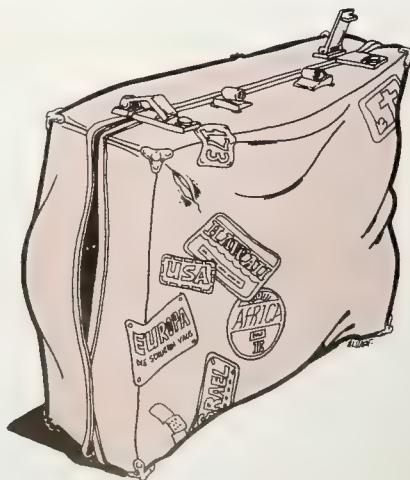
Then it happened on a business trip to Florida. I saw a new bag at an outlet mall in Orlando. It was light weight with those fancy roller wheels, good latches, and above all -- a cheap price! I bought it. The new bag is beige in color and for the price, pretty classy. But, what do you do with a 26-year-old Hartman bag that has been so faithful through Europe, Africa, South America, Hawaii and the Middle East? The logical thing, of course . . . save it for an extra bag!

"Not so," June said, "not so!" So, on the 16th floor of the High Q, I left a friend. What a way to leave a friend, without ceremony, but with a loving touch. On the handle I left a note for the housekeeper so she would know. I simply said, "I have left this luggage because it has been replaced by some new luggage. It has been a faithful friend. Try to

find a good new home for it. With love, Charlie." With a slight look back, I took the elevator and left with a sense of extreme guilt.

Good and faithful friends are hard to find. They should be nourished, cherished and their memory held in high esteem. Special friends sometimes stay with you for years. College friends, the friends in my first church and the members of the congregation who tolerated my youthful blunders and mistakes. The people who still support you and think you are a nice guy even though you see them so seldom. They are really great people and a few of them get to be really special. If you go someplace, you want them to go along. If you do something you want to tell them about it.

There I go, wanting to hold on to the old bag, the written records, the non-useable items and all of the old friends I have. But friends and good things must come in second to the great and good friend who sticks closer than a brother. I do hope that my Hartman ended up on a Caribbean cruise or something good in its old age. Somehow I would feel better about it all. ■



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Because You've Prayed





Our Shelter from the Stormy Blast

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Our Rock and Deliverer

David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress
and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I
take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my
salvation.
He is my stronghold, my refuge and
my savior --
from violent men you save me.
I call to the Lord, who is worthy of
praise,
and I am saved from my enemies."

II Samuel 22:1-4 (NIV)

Our Refuge and Strength

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the
heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with
their surging.

There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most
High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms
fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see the works of the
Lord,
the desolations he has brought on
the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of
the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters
the spear,

he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the
nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46 (NIV)

Our Prayer

O Lord, we thank you for promising to be our refuge and our strength. We long to rest in your everlasting arms, safe from sickness, sin and our own selfishness.

Lord, help us to not be afraid to share your gospel of forgiveness and eternal life with others.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to take a holy stand against the evils and injustices of this age.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to be vulnerable to others, to nurture relationships with other Christians, encouraging them.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to confront sinful behavior, while loving the sinner, when you have called us to speak.

Above all, Lord, we praise you for being Our Shelter from the Stormy Blast.

Tillapaugh To Speak At Ridgecrest '88



Frank Tillapaugh, pastor of the Bear Valley Baptist Church in Denver, CO, and author of *Unleashing The Church*, will be one of the key speakers at Ridgecrest '88, April 4-8, 1988. Sponsored by GBC Christian Education, the conference offers five tracks for pastors, associates, youth pastors and workers, and women in ministry.

Pastor Tillapaugh will speak to the entire conference, lead workshops for pastors, and be available for personal consultation. Mary Tillapaugh will join her husband in challenging and encouraging pastors and wives. She will also be the featured speaker for the "Women in Ministry" track.

Ed Trenner, a consulting associate with Masterplanning Group International, is another key speaker at the conference. He will lead 10 pastors through a process of defining their churches' purpose, priorities, and goals. The limited small group involvement in this track will allow the pastors to benefit from individual counsel.

Youth pastors and workers will learn new ideas and strategies through two Sonlife strategy seminars. A Basic Sonlife Strategy seminar will be taught by two certified Sonlife instructors. Sonlife, a ministry of Moody Bible Institute, presents a biblical strategy for growing a youth ministry and is excellent training for youth pastors and workers.

A second track for youth workers at Ridgecrest '88 is an Advanced Sonlife seminar, led by Dann Spader, founder of Sonlife Ministries. Spader draws from his 10 years as a local church pastor and his consultation work with over 100 churches to present youth ministry strategy in more depth. This track will offer practical tools for youth ministry, skills development, and personal consulting and evaluation.

The conference is held at Ridgecrest, NC, nestled in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains. The programming for the week allows for afternoon free time for relaxing and planning. A children's track is also provided so families can attend. Please pray for the impact of this week. Call GBC Christian Education (219/267-6622) for more information.

TIME Ministries Expand

CE's Training In Missionary Endeavor program has expanded this year with the addition of TIME Teams. The new ministry in short-term missions draws groups of young people and adults together for cross-cultural evangelism and missions experience. Five teams are planned for this summer. Each team will minister about four weeks and assist

Grace Brethren missionaries through literature distribution, sharing of testimonies, canvassing, and outreach programs to youth and children.

Martin Garber, veteran missionary to Africa, will lead a team to the Central African Republic. In addition to the team's outreach to youth in cities, the team will minister to Pygmies and Mboro Islamic nomads. The team will travel over 1000 miles on their adventure while visiting Grace Brethren missionary centers, hospitals, and African churches.

Scott Miles, youth pastor at the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church in Akron, OH, will lead a TIME team to the Mexico border this summer. The team will have a week of training in Akron before leaving for Mexico. Once on location, they hope to make contact with nationals who can be followed-up by church-planting missionaries.

Bob Salazar, missionary to Spain, will lead a TIME Team in Spain. The evangelistic team will assist Bob and Marilyn Salazar in their church planting efforts by being involved in a children's Bible school and outreach ministries to youth and adults.

Two other TIME teams will reach out to North Brazil and the Philippines. Similar to the other teams, these groups will be working with Grace Brethren missionaries in church planting ministries.

All the teams promise to be great experiences in missions, evangelism, and prayer. Over thirty people have been accepted for these teams. Many of the participants will use this experience to aid them in determining if God is calling them to a career in missions. Others are participating to help in these evangelistic thrusts.

Pray for the final development of these teams and for the participants as they prepare this spring for these experiences.

New Resource To Teach Grace Brethren Beliefs

A study book in Grace Brethren doctrine was released last month by GBC Christian Education. Titled, *Biblical Beliefs*, this first book teaches the first six elements of the Grace Brethren statement of faith: The Bible, God, Man, Jesus Christ, Salvation, and the Holy Spirit. More than 90 pages in length, the book uses a fill-in-the-blank approach in this doctrinal study.

The book is intended to be used with Christians. Some of the questions the study answers are: How do you know the Bible is God's Word? How can you prove God's existence? What difference does it make whether Christ was born of a virgin? Can we lose our salvation? How does the Holy Spirit communicate today?

The new resource is available in both a youth and adult edition. A leader's guide is available for each edition. The student book is sold for \$3.50 and the leader's guide costs \$1.75.

Try One More Time

by Pastor Robert Combs,
Grace Brethren
Church of
Norton, Ohio



He was my friend. I would see him at the grocery store, and he called me his friend. His kids and wife came to church faithfully. He would come when one of the grandkids were dedicated or when they were in a special program. He loved softball and would often come to the games, since his children were involved.

On a number of occasions I talked to him about his relationship with Christ. The "Roman Road" and other witnessing methods were used, but he always had the same answer. "I'm not ready yet."

Sometimes I asked, "When are you going to accept Jesus?" Each time the answer came back, "I don't know."

He got cancer. At first it was only a small mole that they burned off in the doctor's office. Then it was larger, they operated, and the doctor thought he removed all of the cancer. Eventually the growth came back and was much worse than before. He went to the Cleveland Clinic and faced the possibility of having much of his face disfigured.

We gathered together around his bed shortly before surgery, his wife, two daughters, and I. We needed a miracle, not just for the physical cancer in his body, but also for the cancer in his soul. Joining hands for prayer, I offered "Lennie, you pray first."

"No, I'll pass."

With tears running down her face, his daughter prayed aloud, "Oh God, don't let my dad die until he knows Jesus." Her sister prayed much the same prayer.

As he lay on the cart, tears filled his eyes as he

faced another surgery and whatever lay beyond that. Together we watched him go. Lennie came back with a disfigured face and his future even more in question than before. He eventually came home after radiation and chemotherapy, but Lennie still didn't know Jesus.

Later, after teaching one of the warning passages in Hebrews, I was once again moved to go to Lennie, to share the passage of Scripture with him and to confront him about his need of salvation.

"Won't you accept Jesus today?"

Lennie nodded, and I asked him to kneel by the chair. With joy and weeping, Lennie, his wife and I knelt together around a chair while he prayed to receive Christ into his life.

Later that afternoon as he rode his lawn mower, he gave the "thumbs-up" sign to his Godly neighbors who had faithfully prayed for Lennie's salvation for many years. In Lennie's own way, he wanted them to know that, at last, their prayers had been answered.

We held an anointing service for him, praying that God would heal Lennie. It was an emotional time as the family joined leaders from the church and Lennie's godly neighbors in committing him to the Lord.

Weeks went by. We watched as Lennie's features became more and more grotesque. Yet, as his face became more gruesome, his spirit became more beautiful. The "thumbs-up" sign became his way of expressing an inner peace that he found. What a joy it was to stand by his bed as Lennie breathed his final breaths, and to know that my friend was with my Jesus.

The Pastoral Institute for World Mission

An Interview with Pastor/Participant Keith Shearer

After receiving a letter of invitation from missionary Roger Peugh and the approval and support of their church, the Osceola GBC, Pastor Keith Shearer and his wife, Laura, attended the Pastoral Institute for World Mission on October 30 -- November 6, 1987, at the Chateau of St. Albain in France. Prior to the Institute, Keith visited his church's missionary representatives, Tom and Sharon Stallter, in the Central African Republic in order to encourage them and to experience and initiate a first-hand relationship with nationals and churches which the Osceola GBC believers have helped to plant. Following the Institute, he visited their remaining representatives in Europe: the DeArmeys, Jacksons, and Roger Stover.

What were the main emphases of the Institute?

Prayer played the biggest part. There were no lessons "on" or "how to" pray; it was just "LET'S DO IT!" I was forced to refocus on making prayer a priority in my life, not to take it for granted, to be in prayer not once a day or one hour a day, but throughout the day, always.

I learned that teamwork is "unity around a task"; however, what I saw in practice goes far beyond the definition. One night there was a gathering of Germans at Jim and Fran Fredericks' home. I sensed that these were people who enjoyed meeting together, who cared about each others' needs, and who prayed spontaneously for each other. There was sincere bonding and fellowship. They were united to a task **with** spiritual unity. What a brilliant example!

In thought, in contrast, we tend to live in our own world so much that it's hard for people to come out and say, "Let's pray right now", or to express feelings and affections. It's not cultural; it's spiritual, because I saw Americans doing it in Europe and Africa and I know it can be done.

How can this type of teamwork begin in GBCs in America?

By the pastors and lay people becoming humble. Taking the focus off of self and putting it on the Lord.

What do you hope to accomplish in your church as a result of the Institute?

I believe that when you take prayer out of a mutual relationship that you take love out of fellowship. I want to be involved with the elders of our church in contexts other than church activities, to have them in my home for no other

reason except that we want to be there -- just like the gathering in Germany. I'd like to see spontaneity and vibrancy put back into our relationship. Most of all, I want us to pray.

At the Institute we were encouraged to get involved, as a church, in a specific Grace Brethren church planting ministry and to be willing to say, "Let's follow through, let's make sure it happens." We want to do that for the Brazil field.

Would you recommend the Pastoral Institute for World Missions to other pastors and mission committee members?

Yes! We are all busy and time is at a premium, but the first-hand relationship with nationals and missionaries on their own turf gave me time to back off and look at my own ministry with a different perspective. I was challenged to dream, to reflect, to pray, and to begin to put into practice the principles I had learned. The people next door aren't any less lost than in Europe or Africa -- prayer, spiritual unity, teamwork -- it all applies right here.

"Missions is not what the church can do **for** a missionary; it's what the church can do **through** a missionary." The need of the hours is for unity amongst true believers, in particular those of our own fellowship. We need to develop unity and vision and stay true to God's program and we will be on the cutting edge of the missionary movement all around the world.

Others who participated in the Pastoral Institute were:

Carl Baker, Rosemont, West Virginia GBC
Jack & Myrtle Baker, Simi Valley, California GBC
Jay Bell, GBC of Long Beach, California
Ron & Ruth Bowland, Peru, Indiana GBC
Tom & Sandy Brannon, Grace Fellowship Church, Long Beach
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Anthony DeRosa, Whittier, California GBC
Al & Sharon Edgington, Warsaw, IN Community GBC
Charles & Margaret Frost, Findlay, Ohio GBC
Wayne Hannah, Richmond, Virginia GBC
Dr. Greg Judd, Grace Brethren Church Long Beach, CA
Wendell Kent, GBFM office representative
Bob Langdon, Whittier, CA Community GBC
Dave & Carolyn Leimister, Fairlawn, Ohio GBC
Keith & Nancy Merriman, Orrville, Ohio GBC
Mark & Bobbie Saunders, Ephrata, Pennsylvania GBC
Bill & Shirley Stevens, Lake Odessa, Michigan GBC
Paul & Hildy Sunthimer, Stow, Ohio GBC
Steve Taylor, Aiken, South Carolina GBC
Ed and Carla Trenner, Grace Church of Orange, California
Richard Todd, Whittier, California Community GBC

Planted Among the Pygmies

Five Grace Brethren churches have been planted among the Pygmies in the Central African Republic, not by GBFM missionaries, but by the men they have trained.

Says Central African Francois-Jonas Gouette, pastor of one of the churches, "It took me at least a month before one or two Pygmies accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, but since that time 140 have begun to attend church services. We are in the process of teaching them the Word of God so that we can have our first baptismal service."

According to Gouette, the Pygmies are difficult to reach because they are afraid. "One must be patient," he says. "One must adapt to their way of living and not be judgmental of their circumstances." They are especially accessible in the evenings.

What is the best way to evangelize this unreached people group? "Through images," says Gouette, "such as well-prepared photos or film strips on the death and resurrection of Jesus."

However, like most church planting efforts, the most effective way to reach the Pygmies is through their own people. At the present time, there is one Pygmy man who is attending the Elementary Bible School in Mbaiki. Says Gouette, "He has been instrumental in the lives of the 140 converts and continues to make evangelistic trips to minister to his own people."

Most of the Pygmies in the C.A.R. live in two regions, Mbaiki and Nola. These regions are contiguous, but almost completely separated by rugged jungle terrain. Estimates give the Pygmy population in the Mbaiki region at about 8,000 and in the Nola region at about 12,000.

The Mbaiki Pygmies live in more or less permanent villages and in a close relationship with the other Central African peoples who inhabit the area. A number of the Central Africans consider certain families among the Pygmies to be their slaves. The Pygmies work in their gardens and share the game which they kill in the jungles. In return, the Central Africans provide them with garden produce, salt, tobacco, etc. It is among these Pygmies that some of our Central African pastors have been able to establish five Pygmy churches.

The Pygmies that inhabit the Nola region are far less "domesticated". They still maintain their nomadic way of life and are not in the same dependency relationship with the other Central African peoples. At times they make their camp



near a Central African village and barter meat from the game they have killed in the forest for the other items of produce they require for food. They will then break camp and retreat back into the recesses of the jungle forest, perhaps to re-emerge on another day.

The Nola region Pygmies have hardly been touched with the Gospel. Some African pastors have attempted to reach them but quickly meet opposition from the Central Africans of the area who thrive on the present barter system with the Pygmies; a system which is greatly to their advantage. They are afraid that contact with the Gospel might endanger that relationship. This attitude, coupled with the universal belief among the Africans that Pygmies are sub-human and not worthy subjects of evangelism, have created barriers that have yet to be overcome.

Pray that missionaries and Central African pastors may soon be able to penetrate the darkness of superstition which still tightly shackles the Pygmies in the Nola region, and the great majority of the Pygmies in the Mbaiki area as well. Pray that young Pygmies can be reached and taught the Word in order to reach all their people, even in the recesses of the jungle. ■

Foreign Mission News

Extending the Extension

Since its establishment at the Chateau of St. Albain in France in 1985, Grace Seminary Extension in Europe has been seeking to assist European churches in training leaders who are "characterized by a level of excellence and depth of commitment to the study and practice of truth" and who have had advanced training in biblical theology. But in recent weeks, it has expanded its ministry potential by offering its M.A. in Missions degree program and other courses at the Freie Hochschule fur Mission (Free Graduate School of Missions) in Korntal, Germany.



German missionaries from this school will not only take classes in Korntal, but will also take courses at the Chateau each April/May and July/August.

Says Trevor Craigen, who will oversee and teach GSX courses, "God can use these courses to make a significant impact upon the hearts and lives of all involved."

ing Germans and internationals. The Craigens will also continue their ministry with the Grace Seminary Extension at the Chateau during the summers.



The Kiddoo family

Missionaries Bill and Becky Kiddoo have moved recently from Sutton Coldfield to Solihull, England where they will be teaming up with Phil and Elinor Steele. Their new address is: 28 Rainsbrook Drive, Monkspath, Solihull, West Midlands England B90 4th.

Relocating the Reps



Trevor and Colleen Craigen

Missionaries Trevor and Colleen Craigen will be moving from Macon, France to Stuttgart, Germany where they will be overseeing the new ministry of the Grace Seminary Extension classes at the Free Graduate School of Missions in Korntal, Germany; teaching; and beginning a discipleship ministry with English speak-

High Call, High Privilege



The Kowalke family

The second church planted by GBFM missionaries in England held its first church service on Christmas morning. Regular services began on Jan. 3.

Says missionary Dave Kowalke, "The past year has made us very aware of the great responsibility involved in church planting. Another couple trusted Christ this past month and we decided that now is the time to begin morning worship services. The real ministry is only beginning

now, perhaps the time when the fiercest struggles ensue, and Satan's attacks are intensified. We need more laborers to reap the harvest."

Because You've Prayed

Excerpts from Recent Prayer Letters



Ramseys in Germany

Four years ago, a handful of believers began a series of eight studies on the doctrine of the Church with the subsequent formation of a church in February, 1984. The first months and years were critical. There was much suspicion about our intent and the church needed to establish a reputation as a strong evangelical work. This past year, we have seen a host of new attenders and a steady influx of visitors. Attendance has nearly doubled since

the first of the year. In fact, if the church continues to grow at the present rate, it will necessitate the removal of a wall between our meeting room and the present church office to allow for increased seating capacity. We can only attribute this to God's sovereign timing and much prayer.



Austins in the C.A.R.

Gary, Jean and Pastor Martin were able to complete a 10-day, 410 km trip to visit 17 of our Brethren churches in the southern part of the Bocaranga District. In those 10 days, we were able to minister to over 2,200 people, many of whom have never gone more than 30 km beyond their town boundaries.

Among the 17 churches, which represent 23 percent of all Brethren churches in the Bocaranga area, we found 2,346 members plus 354 new converts (not baptized). There were 248 converts baptized this past year! Over

450 meet for early morning prayer before going to their gardens. (That's 19 percent of the membership.)

Keep on praying! Our goal this year is to visit all 74 Bocaranga District churches. Pray with us that our ministry might impact the lives of these believers for God's glory in this heart of Africa.

Salazars in Spain



Robert and Marilyn Salazar

A Muslim couple declare they are thrilled to see the change in their daughter's attitude and life since she has been attending services at the worship center in Valencia, Spain. Their daughter insists on praying at the table before meals and reading the Bible before bedtime. She is sharing the Gospel with children in school and witnessing to people who live in her 15-story building.



Kirnbauers in Japan

Mr. Kinjo to a friend separated from his wife seeking counsel: "I have friends in Karuizawa (us) who are Christians and whom I think have the power to live life. I think you and your wife need to do two things: believe and pray."

Mr. Kinjo to a mutual friend of ours before he took a national English test: "This test is different from any other test I've taken, my friends are praying for me." (He passed the first half so far.)

Grace College and Theological Seminary is now accepting applications for the position of *Director of Development*.

Responsibilities include (1) administrative oversight of all Developmental Department functions, including Alumni Relations, Church Relations, Fund Raising, Public Relations and Media, and Student Recruitment, and (2) the planning and implementation of fund raising efforts for capital development and current operations, with significant personal involvement in the cultivation of major donors.

Professional experience in fund-raising and public relations is essential for this position.

A letter of application, complete resume and appropriate references should be sent no later than March 15 to Dr. John Davis, President, Grace Schools, 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. First Love Renewals were held at the Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Virginia, and the Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, last December. More than 32 Brethren pastors and 69 laypeople registered and participated. The team was headed by Evangelist Juan M. Isais and Dan Hartzler of Mexico City. Alan Read provided music leadership and conducted worship workshops. Many public commitments were made. The Renewals were sponsored by Brethren Evangelistic Ministries.

April 26 to May 1 is the target date for the next First Love Renewal. This will be held in conjunction with the West Penn District Conference, hosted by the Riverside Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

A Mini-Renewal is scheduled for our National CE Convention at Palm Desert, California, on August 4.

Winona Lake, IN -- Grace College Lancers men's basketball team, has a 20-3 record as of February 4, 1988. Coach Jim Kessler is in his 10th year as head coach of the team.

Reading the Bible Through in 1988

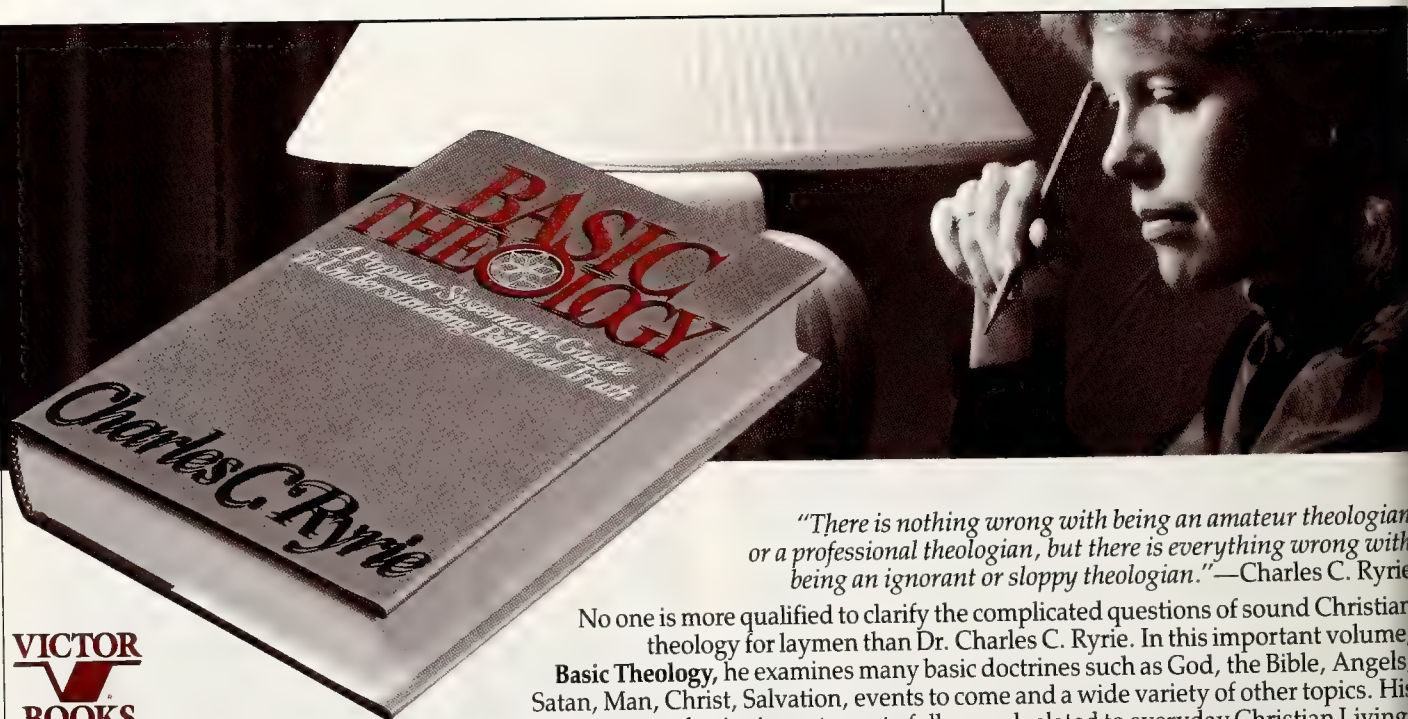
Dear Brother Charles,

I'd like to join you in reading the Bible through in 1988.

Each year for the past 31, I have read through the entire Bible.

I praise the Lord for this blessing in reading His Word!

Sincerely in Him,
Agnes Bracker
Winona Lake, IN



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Your Church and AIDS!

by Charles W. Turner

During the month of January, the National Grocers Association had planned to go to San Francisco to hold a workshop. The name of the workshop was to be "AIDS in the Workplace". But, on second thought, the sessions were changed to "Current Developments -- A Labor Relations Review". The title was different, but the problem was the same.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, representatives of the nation's largest corporations were getting ready to hear a report, "AIDS: Corporate America Responds". According to the report, only 5 percent of U.S. employers have developed an AIDS policy.

Both of these groups were working on the same concern. How would they deal with the situation on a local level? There is no doubt that the problem will spring up in their area of authority. The question is, "How will we respond?"

New York City health officials reported that during the month of November, health records show that **one baby in sixty born in their area had signs of the AIDS virus at the time of birth.** Other statistics reveal that **at least 1.6 million people are infected and that number is growing.** The insurance and hospitalization companies have been working on the problem longer than most businesses.

Thus, there is the need for corporate America to set up some type of action policy to handle the situation at their level. There are legal problems and legal limits as to what can be done. There are the economic factors of health care insurance, what the costs will be and who will be covered.

In Kokomo, Indiana a battle was fought last year regarding the rights of a child with AIDS to attend public school. These battles will be fought over and over again.

The point of this article is to bring to light the problem that has come to America and to many parts of the world. The news media has not helped in the matter. The early presentations of a few years ago brought mass hysteria due to the manner in which they were presented. Now the folks who set the fire are crying for everyone to be calm. Reliable information is very difficult to secure, possibly because there is limited reliable information.

As is true in all areas, a need exists to bring a calm approach to the problem before you have to deal with the actual circumstances. This brings us to the church, which is generally a half mile down

the street in most parades. For the sake of thought, let us paint a picture of what you might encounter one of these days.

The visitation team from your local church is off on their monthly or semi-annual trip through the community. You want to minister, reach new members and carry out the great commission. Your visit takes you to the home of an unchurched family. The couple realizes their need for a church home, they have children and the need for spiritual influence is felt. They have been a little hesitant to go to services because their six-year-old is ill. During a blood transfusion the child contracted the AIDS virus. They do not feel comfortable in knowing what to do. They are grateful someone has come to them to offer help. Yes, they will be in church next week and the child will be in the nursery. They are thankful for your concern.

The visitation team returns to the church and to the pastor with the glad news that a new family will be in church on Sunday. The family is in great need of a loving church environment and this will be an opportunity for the church to show compassion. Since there are fourteen other church families who have children in the same department with the AIDS newcomer, more of the church family will be involved in helping. But one family just may be afraid that the newcomer will give AIDS to their child. Before Sunday comes, you just may have one of the largest church discussions since they painted the rest rooms that odd shade of blue.

One more possible situation -- without advance warning a child is handed to the young nursery attendant and informed the child has AIDS. Will the child be handed back with a loud scream and an announcement to all in attendance, "That kid has AIDS!"?

Corporate America is meeting to set up a plan of policy. Has your church taken a little time to discuss the subject in the Board Meeting? I am not recommending what your policy should be, but I am recommending that you should be thinking your way through this one, because it will knock on your door one of these days. The district ministerial association should spend some time on this subject as a topic of discussion.

We plan some follow-up articles on this subject. The purpose of this article is to stimulate your thinking and to discuss your ministry role for helping. Is it a theory or is it practice? ■

Take Up and Read

by Charles W. Colson

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The Mediterranean sky curved hot and clear over the terrace of the home of Aurelius Augustinus outside Milan, Italy. Beyond the garden wall, acres of fruit trees carpeted the valley, rising to meet the soft green vineyard-covered hillsides. Within the wall, Augustine and his best friend, his student Alypius, sat with the visitor Ponticianus. Though his chest ached, his busy schedule pulled at him, and his mind was thoroughly unsettled. Augustine was taking time to speak with this important government official.

Brilliant, learned, and handsome, Augustine held one of the most enviable professorships in the city. When he spoke, the words of this professor of rhetoric crashed like thunder. When he argued, he was over whelmingly persuasive. Few felt themselves his equal.

As the three men exchanged polite conversation, Augustine's mother appeared frequently, ostensibly offering refreshments and other hospitable overtures; in reality she was hovering, keeping a close eye on her son.

Monica was a protective mother, strong-minded, practical, utterly determined that her beloved son become a Christian. She prayed for him daily and had since he was a small boy. But while Augustine loved his mother, he paid no attention to her.

Monica had hardly let her son out of her sight since she was widowed in North Africa while Augustine was a teenager. He had had to trick her to come to Italy alone, lying about his departure so he and his mistress and their illegitimate child could sail off without her. But before long Monica had followed him to Milan. She had even succeeded in getting him engaged to a good Christian girl and in sending away his mistress of fifteen years. But his fiancée was very young and his marriage two years off; so Augustine was again sleeping with a woman. Sex was necessary to him, he said, for he had no power to resist his natural desires.

Monica could not understand her son's strange ideas about right and wrong. He indulged in such licentiousness without, apparently, a pang of conscience, but lamented the time when he had stolen fruit from a neighbor's pear tree with a gang of rowdies. Augustine dwelt on this mere childish

prank as though it were the great evil of his life while practicing habits much more sinful in his mother's eyes.

Yet she had never stopped hoping for his conversion, and lately her hope had been stronger than ever. Augustine had recently broken with his religion, a strange cult following the teachings of a Persian named Mani who claimed that powers of darkness controlled every physical being. Augustine had quit astrology, too, and had been going to church. Perhaps the bishop was right, Monica thought.

"Let him be," the bishop had advised. "Only pray to the Lord on his behalf."

She had visited an African bishop many years earlier, pleading with him to talk with her son. But the churchman refused, telling her that Augustine was not ready to talk.

"Let him be," the bishop had advised. "Only pray to the Lord on his behalf." The bishop knew Manicheanism well; he believed someone as bright as Augustine would see its nonsense eventually.

Monica was not put off so easily, however. She had wept uncontrollably, begging the bishop to speak to her son. Finally, losing patience he told her to leave. But she had taken his parting words. "It is impossible for the son of such tears to perish," as a promise from heaven and had often reminded Augustine of them, triumphantly.

But Augustine could not become a Christian just to please his mother.



In the garden, Augustine's visitor, idly looking about him as he contemplated his departure, picked up a book lying on a small table nearby. A puzzled smile crossed his face.

"The apostle Paul," he said. "Are you reading this, Augustine?"

His host nodded. "Not only am I reading it, I have been wearing it out. And wearing myself out trying to grasp the meaning of the Christian faith."

He looked around, making sure his mother was not lurking within earshot.

"Did you know I am a Christian?" Ponticianus smiled hesitantly.

Augustine and Alypius nodded. They had heard this rumor.

"But I thought this would be one of your philosophical books," Ponticianus said. "I never dreamed I would find *you* reading the Bible."

"The philosophers have helped me understand the Bible," Augustine admitted. He explained that until recently he had believed that only what he could see, measure, rationally and systematically prove could be real. The idea of an invisible, spiritual God seemed just talk. But studying Plato and his followers had convinced him that the real things were invisible, spiritual.

"This has helped me a great deal," Augustine was candid to a fault. Yet he watched Ponticianus carefully, his posture tense. "But there is a major difference. To follow Plato, one merely thinks like Plato. To follow Christ is something much more. You must put your whole life into it and leave behind whatever hinders you from following Him. I don't know what it is exactly that enables a man to give himself to God -- to commit himself to a life of sacrifice and faith. That's more than adopting a particular point of view, isn't it?"

Ponticianus nodded, as did Alypius. Alypius, younger than Augustine, practically worshiped the scholar.

Wrapped in his own thoughts, Augustine went on speaking, almost as though working out a problem for himself. "Plato takes you up on a high mountain peak where you can see the land of

peace. But you do not know how to get there. There must be a highway leading straight to that land, but you can't find it." He shook his head wearily.

Augustine had few illusions about himself. He knew how easily his mind fell into habits and was chained by them. His women. His pride. *I am utterly depraved*, he thought, *and the mind alone is no match for the seduction of evil pleasure.*

As Augustine spoke, Ponticianus had grown excited. Now he jumped up, paced briskly in front of his host for a moment, then whirled to point a finger at him.

"Have you heard of Antony?"

"Well," Augustine drew back a bit, startled at his visitor's abruptness. "I do know several Antonys, but none worth mentioning in the context of this discussion."

"No -- No -- Antony the monastic -- the one Athanasius wrote the biography of. Many Christians have been greatly influenced by it." To Ponticianus's astonishment, neither of his listeners had heard of this Antony.

"I must tell you then . . . Antony was a rich young fellow, born into a Christian family in Egypt. His parents died when he was just entering his teens; their large estate fell to him. He grew up fast, carrying that responsibility. He had all the money in the world and all the cares, too.

"In church one Sunday the Scripture reading came from Christ's reply to the rich young ruler: 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

"Something in that familiar passage hit Antony. It was as though Jesus had given those words



directly to him, personally, that very moment. Antony didn't even wait for the service to end. He rushed out of the church and set about preparing his records so that his property could be sold and the profit distributed to the poor.

"From that day, Antony devoted his life to prayer. He went to live in a hut on the edge of town, farming to keep himself alive. Fifteen years later he moved into the desert. He wanted to show that the power of God would supply living water in an arid land, that from little or nothing He could bring forth the fruits of the Spirit."

Ponticianus then dramatically described the miracles of Antony's life, telling how though he sought complete obscurity, he became famous, even living in the desert. People traveled great distances to meet with him. And as a result of his example, small groups of men and women began to form communes devoted to prayer.

"To me, Antony is a sign that God will meet us wherever we are," Ponticianus concluded, looking directly into Augustine's eyes, "even in the wasteland of our lives."

Augustine now rose to stand beside his guest, placing his hand briefly on his forearm. He was clearly moved. "I can hardly believe I've never heard of him," he said. "Nor any of his followers. Are there any in Italy?"

"In Italy?" Ponticianus was astonished. "Why, right here in Milan there is a small community of such men. They live outside the city walls. Ambrose has charge of them."

"Ambrose!" He was the pastor whose preaching Augustine had been hearing, originally out of curiosity about the man's style, for Augustine had

a professional interest in any good speaker. But Ambrose's substance had made a deeper impact than his style. *Because of him*, Augustine mused, *I have grown interested in the Scriptures again.*

Augustine had first tried reading the Scriptures while a teenager, but was not impressed. At the time he had been in love with beautiful language, and the language of Scripture had seemed dull and plain, far inferior to the great Roman writers. But years had passed since then. Great rhetorical flourishes seemed less important than they once did. *Under Ambrose's influence, the simplicity of Scripture has begun to sound like the simplicity of profundity.*

Already Augustine was ready to concede that what the sacred writings said was true. But he could not do anything halfway. He knew the truth of Scripture demanded a commitment to Christ; and commitment to Christ meant total change. He would have to give up misusing sex. More, he would have to give up all his dreams of success and glory. He would have to please God and not the world around him. *Part of me wants to*, he said to himself, *part is unable to.*

Ponticianus interrupted Augustine's thoughts. "When I think of Antony, of his immediate obedience to the Word of God that morning, of what he left without looking back, I am moved to tears." He reached out to grasp his host strongly by both shoulders. "When God calls someone, Augustine, nothing on earth can stop him."

Outwardly Augustine carried on politely, thanking Ponticianus for coming, saying his farewells. Inwardly his disturbed thoughts traveled elsewhere. After his guest left, he paced across the terrace, lashing himself mentally.



As Ponticianus spoke, you turned me back upon myself. O Lord. You took me from behind my own back, where I had placed myself because I did not wish to look upon myself. You stood me face to face with myself so that I might see how foul I am, how deformed and defiled, how covered with stains and sores. I looked and was filled with horror, but there was no place for me to flee to get away from myself.

He thought back bitterly to the day twelve years before when, after reading Cicero, he had decided to dedicate his life to search for wisdom -- to prefer to know the truth over any other pleasure in life. But he only talked about it; he never did it. He drifted along in life, living for success and anything that made him happy for a few hours.

You know, O Lord, how during my university days at Carthage I found myself in the midst of a hissing cauldron of lust. I was in love with the idea of love. Although my real need was for you, I placed my hopes in what was merely human and often enough in the bestial as well.

Still, I thought of myself as a fine fellow. You know, O Lord, how I grew proud in the imagination of my heart. . .

course, but now he seemed to be in true anguish. His face was flushed, his eyes darting frantically.

"What is the trouble with us?" Augustine asked aloud in a strangled voice. "What is this? What did you hear? The uneducated rise and take heaven by storm and we, with all our erudition but empty of heart, see how we wallow in flesh and blood. Are we ashamed to follow them? Isn't it shameful for us not to follow them?" He could not continue, but turned and ran into the garden beyond the wall.

Really alarmed now, Alypius followed his mentor closely, afraid of what Augustine might do to himself. He also had to know how this struggle would end, for whatever Augustine became, he wanted to become also.

Getting as far from the house as he could in the little garden, Augustine slumped onto a bench, his body showing the struggle within. Scarcely conscious of what he was doing, he tore at his hair, slapped his forehead, locked his fingers together and clasped his knees.

I know I have a will, as surely as I know there is life in me. When I choose to do something or not to do it, I am certain that it is my own self making this act of will. But I see now that evil

"Take up and read. Take up and read."

When I thought of my Christian upbringing and determined to read the Scriptures, inflamed with self-esteem I judged the but a hash of outmoded Jewish superstition and historical inaccuracies.

Augustine had been frustrated with himself before, but never to this point.

I remember how one day you made me realize how utterly wretched I was. I was preparing a speech in praise of the emperor, intending that it should include a great many lies, which would certainly be applauded by an audience that knew well enough how far from the truth they were. I was greatly preoccupied by this task. As I walked along one of the streets in Milan, I noticed a beggar who must, I suppose, somehow have had his fill of food and drink since he was laughing and joking. Sadly I turned to my companions and spoke to them of all the pain and trouble which is caused by our own folly. My ambitions had placed a load of misery on my shoulders, and the further I carried it the heavier it became, but the only purpose of all the efforts we made was to reach the goal of purposeful happiness. This beggar had already reached it ahead of us.

Perhaps I shall never reach it.

Alypius looked in astonishment at his friend. He had heard Augustine talk about his misery, of

comes from the perversion of the will when it turns aside from you, O God. I can say with your apostle, the good I would I do not.

You have raised me up so that I can now see you must be there to be perceived, but I confess that my eyes are still too weak. The thought of you fills me with love, yes, but also with dread. I realize that I am far from you.

Augustine continued to think of his life -- his hopes for a good position, a comfortable home, for admiration and fame as a thinker and writer. He thought of the women in his life and something whispered, "From the moment you decide, this thing and that will never be allowed to you, forever and ever." His habits spoke up insistently, "Do you think you can live without us?"

So he sat in the garden, his friend nearby, utterly silent in the stillness of the summer heat. Only inside did the storm rage. Misery heaped up, until finally it seemed his chest would burst. He threw himself under a fig tree, sobbing, unable to stop.

O Lord, how long? Will I never cease setting my heart on shadows and following a lie? How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? How long? Tomorrow and tomorrow? Why not now? Why not in this very hour an end to to my uncleanness?

Then . . . a voice.

He heard a voice . . .

A childish, piping voice so high-pitched he could not tell whether it was male or female.

The voice seemed to come from a nearby house. It chanted tunelessly, over and over . . . "Take up and read. Take up and read. Take up and read."

What did the words mean? Were they part of some children's game?

"Take up and read. Take up and read."

Were the words for him?

"Alypius, do you hear that?" he called. His friend stared back in silence.

"Read what?" Augustine shouted back into the sky.

The letters of the apostle Paul were nearby. They had, in fact, started the conversation about Antony. Like Antony, was he hearing God's words to him? Was he to take up the Scriptures and read?

Augustine ran and snatched up the book Ponticianus had noticed and began reading the page to which the book was open -- Romans 13. The words burned into his mind: "Not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

Rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Instantly, as if before a peaceful light streaming into his heart, dark shadows of doubt fled. The man of unconquerable will was conquered by words from a book he had once dismissed as a mere fable lacking in clarity and grace of expression. Those words suddenly revealed that which he had so long vainly sought. Now he knew with assurance he had confronted truth. Those very words, "clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ," had settled it; whatever it cost, he would give his life to Christ.

Putting his finger in the book to mark the spot, Augustine told Alypius what had happened inside him. Thrilled at his friend's joy, Alypius said he would join him. He, too, would follow Christ. The two then called Augustine's mother.

Monica's joy was even greater: "Praise God," she said, "who is able to do above that which we ask or think." Shortly thereafter, she and Augustine enjoyed together a great mystical vision. Nine days later, Monica, her lifelong prayers answered, passed peacefully from this world.

"Take up and read." For the next forty-four years Augustine did just that. He read the Scriptures to work out his own salvation and then read and interpreted them to settle complex theological disputes within the early church. His classic defense of the authority of Scripture laid the

foundation for Christians of every age thereafter. No serious Bible student has been able to ignore Augustine's monumental contribution to the church's understanding of the Old and New Testaments. His life and thought drew on the "the revered pen of God's Spirit."

Prior to his conversion Augustine thought the Scriptures a collection of texts that must be interpreted and revised in comparison to the "advanced wisdom" of the philosophers. But in the garden he saw that the Scriptures were not just words to be interpreted; they were words that interpreted their reader. Through Scripture, God spoke personally and inerrantly to him. And as God's voice, Scripture knew infinitely more about Augustine than Augustine knew about Scripture.

Immediately after his conversion, Augustine began to write freely, quickly completing several books. His autobiographical *Confessions*, replete with quotes and paraphrases from Scripture, has provided intellectual challenge and spiritual illumination to Christians for centuries.

Augustine went on to become the Bishop of Hippo, one of the most influential men in his world, while the seemingly eternal Roman Empire fell apart. In response he wrote his masterpiece, *The City of God*, which gave Christians new hope and direction in the midst of turmoil and despair. Some say he almost singlehandedly rescued the gospel from the ruins of the Empire.

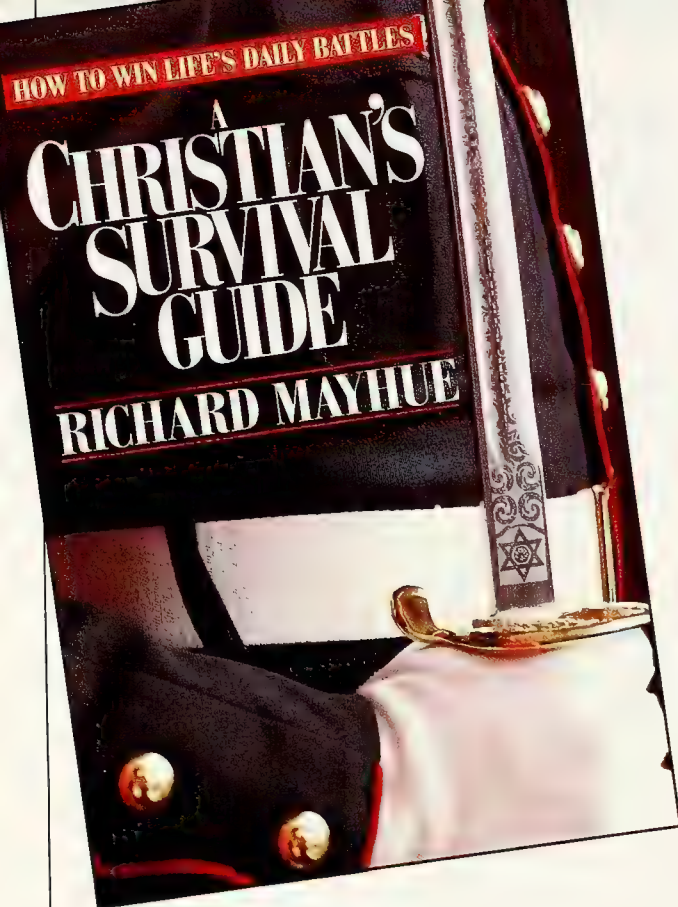
All this began when God, through a child's voice, said to him, "Take up and read." Obedient, Augustine found words that exposed his dilemma with a brilliant light and told him plainly what he had to do.



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Blessings in Disguise

by Brad Lambright

Paul knew the sacrifices of church planting better than any man. Giving up position, power, and wealth, he answered God's call. *"But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ,"* he wrote in Philippians 3:7 (NASB).



Much can be learned from this apostle's life and writings about making sacrifices for Christ. I am convinced we need to grasp the priorities and level of commitment to our Lord that Paul had. Then, we will see that sacrifices are blessings in disguise.

The story of Brad and Dawn Lambright as a church planting family is certainly not as dramatic as Paul's. We are serving a growing Home Missions congregation in the beautiful mountains of central Pennsylvania. And while there are real sacrifices that must be made to begin a new church, we have learned that a sacrifice for Christ results in a blessing from Him!

God's leading hand grabbed us by the heart. As a family, we had to choose whether to pursue a ministry in a self-supporting Grace Brethren Church or to answer the Home Missions challenge. The self-supporting church was located near many relatives, had a sweet and hospitable church family, and a substantial salary to offer. It was a perfect situation for a pastor and his family to move into and prosper. But God had other plans.

Nestled in a cozy Pennsylvania valley, there was a small group of committed believers awaiting a shepherd. They had courageously held together through trial after trial in their effort to establish the Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren Church. It was their eleventh hour when the Lord directed us to them.

As we shared with them during a candidating weekend, we saw the excitement and hope in their eyes. It was evident they believed God had answered their desperate prayers for a pastor. It was a moving experience for both Dawn and myself. Following a Sunday afternoon fellowship meal, the whole group extended the call. "Please come and minister to us."

Later that week, as we traveled to visit relatives in northern Michigan, the Holy Spirit led us to His ministry choice. The established church truly had everything we could have desired as a family. The Home Mission point required sacrifice in many areas. Yet as our car sped through the north woods, the Spirit moved in both of us. "How could we say no!" we exclaimed. "Lord, we know your answer clearly is to go to Pennsylvania."

It would be a sacrifice. It meant that Dawn would be 20 hours from her family and life-long friends. Moving would take two-and-a-half days in a rented truck. Only a partial salary was available, yet the families pledged food from their gardens to help make up the difference.

There would be inconveniences, but they were small and have been overcome. We have grown accustomed to driving 30 to 35 minutes for necessities such as the doctor, shopping, and church supplies. The nearest Grace Brethren Church is an hour away for fellowship.

The sacrifice is for Him and it has been returned to us many times over in blessing after blessing. He has used many individuals from all over the country to meet our needs. He has taken care of some of those difficult areas and given us strength to make the others work. We know He allows these things for a purpose.

A well-known Grace Brethren pastor sat at our dining room table. As he shared with us that evening, he gave direction, wisdom, encouragement, and compassion for the ministry.

The Word was opened and he read from Philipians, chapter four. After verse 11, *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in whatever the circumstances,"* he paused. He shared with us the Greek meaning of "to be content," which was to "make do" or "to make to work." As he read, the truth of the passage sounded deep and clear: that must be our attitude. We can "make it work" in all situations as Christ leads and strengthens us.

That day, the passage seemed to be written just to us. Sacrifice carries no pain when it is done in the name of the Lord. His loving presence in our lives supplies all the supernatural contentment we need.

The planting of the Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren Church has, of course, required sacrifice on many fronts. Four families weathered many trials over a period of four years in an effort to begin the church. They definitely understand sacrifice. They stuck together with young children, teens, and young couples who needed fellowship with other believers. These are basic spiritual and social needs that many of us normally don't think twice about, but were deeply missed by this church family. They remained together no matter what the circumstances, totally committed to establishing a Grace Brethren Church.

Church planters in America are not generally martyrs, persecuted, beaten, or jailed as they struggle to establish a new work. However, Paul knew such extremes as he preached the Gospel. He wrote in Philippians 3:10, *"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to His death."* (NASB) The apostle's life proclaims the divine truth that a sacrifice for Christ is no sacrifice at all. It is by faith giving up what is not ours to receive the abundant blessings of God in return.

I believe individuals involved in planting churches have an excellent opportunity to at least partially realize this verse. Our sacrifice may never

reach the level of Paul's, but the sacrifices of a Home Missions church can be a special avenue for Christ to grip lives. Being on the front line fosters and requires genuine Christianity in order for the work to succeed.

The church planting Christian will see clearly the power, love, faithfulness, mercy, wisdom, and grace of our Lord. Seeing the reality of the living



Brad and Dawn Lambright and family

Christ as He nourishes His church from infancy to adulthood is a powerful experience. The reality of the Lord's active presence calls the believer to know Christ better, to desire to develop an ever deeper and richer relationship with Him.

Part of that intimate relationship is the ability to have a close relationship with the people in a church. We, as both ministers and the people, have an opportunity to be in close contact and fellowship with one another. Sometimes we let these opportunities slip away maybe never to have the chance again because our congregation is growing.

The power of His resurrection is another blessing realized from the sacrifices of a Home Missions church. Where there was nothing, now there is a church. Many individuals are molded divinely into a church family. Some come to know Him and saints grow in His knowledge. Here is the power of God at work!

Christ's sacrifice was ultimate in our redemption and in the suffering He bore. We might ask the Lord to give us the same level of willingness as Paul had, because there will be opportunities if we ask. The church planting believer will have many opportunities by faith to give up material possessions, time, and comfort in order to receive a blessing from the Lord. God will lead those who are ready to follow to new levels of commitment. Even a taste of His sufferings can become a rich growth.

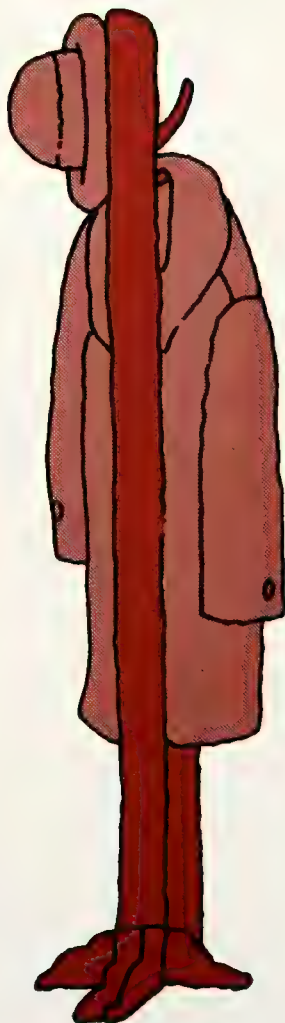
Becoming like Christ in His death was Paul's heart desire. Romans 6:10 states *"the death He (Christ) died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, he lives to God"* (NASB). Paul understood the reality of becoming more like His Savior, dying to sin, and sacrificially offering his life to God.

Helping pioneer a new work requires the spirit of this commitment to Christ-likeness. The genuine love of Christ, shared by a small group of believers to the members of their community will be their most effective tool for winning souls. If unbelievers see a real Christ-likeness in the

believer, they'll want Him to live in each of their lives, as well.

The sacrifices of church planting are truly blessings in disguise -- for the pastor and his family, the congregation, the district in which they serve, and the community in which it exists. Real spiritual adventure, full of joy and excitement, is there but it demands much of the individual. There will be some tough times that will test a group's love, faith, and unity. Then the Savior will show more of himself, His power, His sufferings, and the life He calls them to live. God has only begun to unmask this biggest blessing of all! (James 1:2-4).

One Lost Jacket = Two Found Souls



A forgotten jacket is sometimes a nuisance. The owner has to retrieve it, sometimes with great embarrassment at being so careless and the people where the jacket is left must decide what to do with it -- leave it in a closet or draped over a chair until the owner claims it or deliver it to the owner.

At North Pole, Alaska, a forgotten jacket was not only retrieved, it helped find two lost souls.



Allen and Tina Gough
North Pole, Alaska

Pastor Bob Gentzel had accidentally left his jacket at the home of friends. When the friends discovered their friends, Allan and Tina Gough, lived near

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the Gentzels, they sent the jacket home with them.

"When I went to their home to get the jacket, I invited them to our house for dinner," recalls Pastor Bob. A friendship developed and ultimately Allan and Tina both accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Allan, a 27-year-old jet mechanic with the United States Air Force, continues to meet with Pastor Bob for a bi-weekly Bible study. His wife attends a women's Bible study and helps teach a children's class.

A forgotten jacket doesn't have to be a nuisance.

West Virginia City is New Home Mission Point

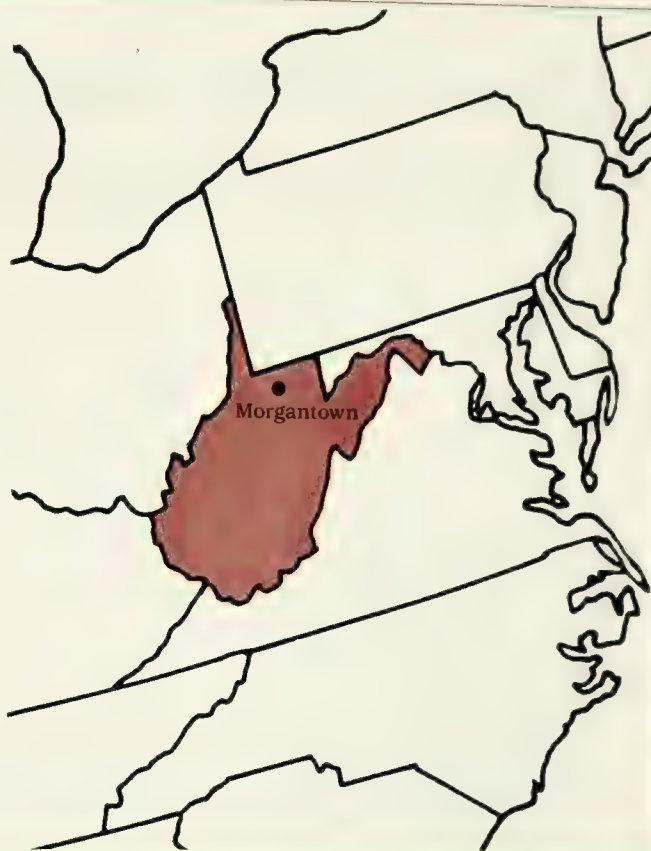
Morgantown, West Virginia, the fifth largest city in the Mountain State, is the site of the newest Grace Brethren Home Mission church.

The Grace Brethren Church of Morgantown held their first worship service on November 29, 1987 and was adopted for financial support by Grace Brethren Home Missions beginning January 1. The Allegheny District of Grace Brethren Churches and the Grace Brethren Church at Grafton, West Virginia are also assisting the young congregation.

Within the first two months, the church saw two people accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. The first decision was recorded following the November 29 worship service.

Dick McCarthy is pastor of the new church. He joins Home Missions with the church planting experience at New Holland, Pennsylvania in the mid-1960's. He has also pastored Grace Brethren churches at Allentown, Altoona, and Mundy's Corner, Pennsylvania and at Grafton, West Virginia.

He and his wife, Lee, have four grown children.



TEAM Meetings Held

Training and encouragement is the focus of three regional meetings for Home Mission pastors this spring. Hosted by each field director for the men in his area, the three day sessions will include practical strategy for building a church, inspirational speakers, and time for fellowship.

The first meeting was held January 19, 20, and 21 for the pastors of the 20 Home Mission churches in the east at Schroon Lake, New York.

Rick Nuzum, of Columbus, Ohio, and Colonel John Mansur, of Melbourne, Florida, were the special speakers. Ed Jackson, Eastern Director, hosted the sessions.

Western Home Mission pastors will gather with Dave Marksbury in March in Los Angeles, California. Southern Director, Bill Byers, will lead meetings for the men of the south in April at Atlanta, Georgia.

Rick Warren To Be Workshop Speaker

Rick Warren and his family moved to Los Angeles, California, in 1980 planning to build a church. They had no money, no building, and no members.

"God said go," he explains.

In January, 1987, the Saddleback Valley Community Church in Mission Viejo, California, celebrated its seventh anniversary. Average Sunday attendance is 1,400. The congregation meets in a high school auditorium but hopes to have a

permanent building within two or three years.

Warren will share his church planting experience with Grace Brethren pastors during the annual Home Missions Pastor's Conference on July 29 and 30 at Palm Desert, California. The conference will be at Marriott's Palm Desert Resort and is just prior to the annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Additional information will be mailed to all senior pastors within the next several months.

Grace Theological Seminary Names West Campus Dean

Grace Theological Seminary has announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Fairman as dean of the seminary's West Campus in Long Beach, CA, effective June 1.

Dr. Fairman, who is now chairman of the Division of Bible and Theology at Winnipeg Bible College in Canada, also will teach theology at Grace.

Grace established its West Campus in Long Beach in June last year at the urging of Grace Brethren and other evangelical Christian leaders in Southern California.

The new seminary campus is a response to the continuing growth in the evangelical Christian community there. That growth has created a need for more institutions providing accredited theological and pastoral training. In addition, the West Campus offers opportunities for continuing education to pastors and others presently involved in Christian ministry in the region.

Dr. Fairman is 39 years old and a native of Baltimore, MD. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1970 from Wheaton College with a major in social sciences and sociology. In 1974, he graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Master of Theology degree, after which he served two years as a pastor in Marietta, GA.

From 1976 to 1980, Dr. Fairman taught Bible, Bible doctrine, and Greek at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, AL. He left Southeastern in 1980 to enroll in the doctoral program at Grace Theological Seminary, where he was awarded a Doctor of Theology degree in 1983. Since that time, Dr. Fairman has held his position at Winnipeg Bible College. He is a gifted and experienced teacher, administrator, and speaker.

Grace Theological Seminary opened 50 years ago to educate

people for leadership positions in ministries of Grace Brethren and other evangelical churches. In that half century, Grace has established a worldwide reputation among conservative Christian churches and mission boards for excellence in preparing men and women for U.S. and overseas ministries.

The seminary, which is affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, also conducts courses at its European extension campus near Macon, France, in addition to its U.S. campuses in Winona Lake, IN, and Long Beach.

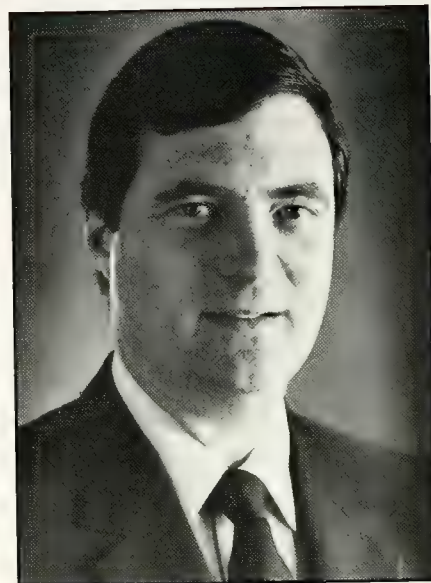
Grace offers three programs of graduate seminary study at its West Campus. They are the three-year Master of Divinity and diploma in theology programs and the one-year Certificate in Biblical Studies. The West Campus is located at 3625 Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach.

Dr. Fairman emphasized he does not expect the newly established West Campus to be regional in its emphasis.

"We expect our Long Beach program to draw students from all over the country because of its location," he said. "This is a vast metropolitan area of mixed cultures. It gives seminary students valuable exposure to many different ministries and the chance to learn through diverse internships and field education assignments."

"Practical ministry experiences constitute a vital part of the student's seminary education. The opportunities for this practical training are enhanced by the strength of the Grace Brethren churches on the West Coast, as well as the strength of the overall evangelical community in the region."

Dr. Fairman said he expects to develop an active program of



Dr. Richard Fairman

pastoral and ministerial internships with cooperating churches and ministries in order to give students experience in a variety of cultural settings. Students not only from the West Campus, but also upper-level Master of Divinity students from the main Grace campus in Indiana eventually will participate in these Southern California ministry opportunities, Dr. Fairman believes.

"We look for maturity and a servanthood attitude in our graduates," he said. "Christian leaders must not only be educated in sound theology and experienced in ministry, but they also must be people who have learned not to be governed by circumstances and experiences. They must be able to respond to ministry challenges in ways they know to be based on biblical priorities and principles."

Dr. Fairman is married to the former Judy Ashman of Winona Lake, Indiana. The Fairmans have a two-year-old son, Jonathan.

Lost!

**by Susan Griffith
Missionary to France**

I take my two preschool girls shopping with me and on occasion they stray. Their different temperaments translate into different actions and reactions. The older daughter is very outgoing, but keeps a close eye on me at the mall. Once as we walked a large square pillar came between us. I stopped to look at something and heard a loud scream -- "Mommy!" Though we were only 2 feet apart her voice and her face, as I reached around to draw her near to me, were filled with terror.

Lost. The very word evokes unhappy, lonely thoughts and nightmarish fears. Yet in relation to God we are lost. We are not happy -- can never be really happy until we are found -- until a right relationship with God is established. We know that. We read it in the Bible and acknowledge it is true. We see the evidences of it in the lives of the people around us, and God in his mercy draws people to Himself. Some people recognize their condition and scream out "Lord".

Claire-Lise was like that -- a doctor and mother of 3 in our city of Le Creusot, France. Outwardly, there were no big problems, no crises, but inwardly she was not at peace. We began to study the Bible together and read Romans and there it was, in black and white -- everyone is "without excuse", with the Bible calling us "children of disobedience". When I explained how God was calling her "lost" she became very angry. Then when I told her she could pray to accept Christ and establish a relationship with God, she became more angry. But in her anger she tried to pray and God heard. She was lost and cried out and God reached down and drew her to Himself.

My second daughter is happy-go-lucky and attracted by many things. Often in the mall I watch her head off in her own direction full speed ahead, whistling as she skips away totally lost -- lost and completely unaware of it.

Francoise was like that. The mother of grown children, she

was surprised when her oldest accepted the Lord, or as she put it, "became part of that group". We talked and many prayed for her. I went to see her and asked her if she'd be willing to study the Bible with me. She refused. Her husband had a job transfer and they moved away from Le Creusot. She's gone and I have no reason to believe she's not lost.

LOST -- a terrible word -- a desperate condition -- an awful thought when linked with eternity.



Susan Griffith and family

Pray for our missionaries daily. A printed booklet is available to guide you through the year. These are available from our literature secretary, Lillian Teeter, 2706 Sharon Street, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Linda Unruh, Editor

Michigan District Update

Our Michigan District WMC consists of 6 churches. The newest group is Escanaba. The Lake Odessa, Altos and Hastings circles meet together for the Day of Prayer on the 15th at a nearby restaurant several times a year. The 6 churches take turns having spring and fall rallies. Roselynn Peters edits a news booklet "Michiganooz" and keeps the ladies informed about the events in their district. Mrs. Shirley Stevens is the Michigan District President.

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FGBC Council Mid-Year Meeting News

The council met in Chicago January 12 and 13 under the leadership of Moderator Dean Fetterhoff. The purpose of the meeting centered on conference evaluation and planning, state of the Fellowship and an exciting report from the newly formed FGBC Strategy and Planning Committee. Evaluations revealed last year's conference to have been one of "the best ever" and the plans for next summer in Palm Desert as very exciting with the "Call to Compassion" theme and social concerns thrust -- with such speakers as Joni Eareckson Tada, John Maxwell and Chuck Colson.

Moderator Dean Fetterhoff impressed the council with his burden for our Fellowship in the area of evangelistic outreach. It was reported that by early January over 65 churches

were participating in the "Family to Family" evangelistic program effort for 1988. Almost 7000 enrollment cards and prayer cards have been ordered by these churches.

A spirit of optimism and expectation permeated the council meetings, especially in light of the increasing focus on who and what we are as Grace Brethren and where we really want to go as a Fellowship.

The newly formed strategy Committee gave their initial report through Chairman James Custer. There is great excitement and strong hope that this committee, through the council, will be able to lead our Fellowship: 1) to a renewed sense of identity, 2) to a greater vision for the future, and 3) to specific strategies on how to reach some very Christ-honoring goals in the next decade and beyond.

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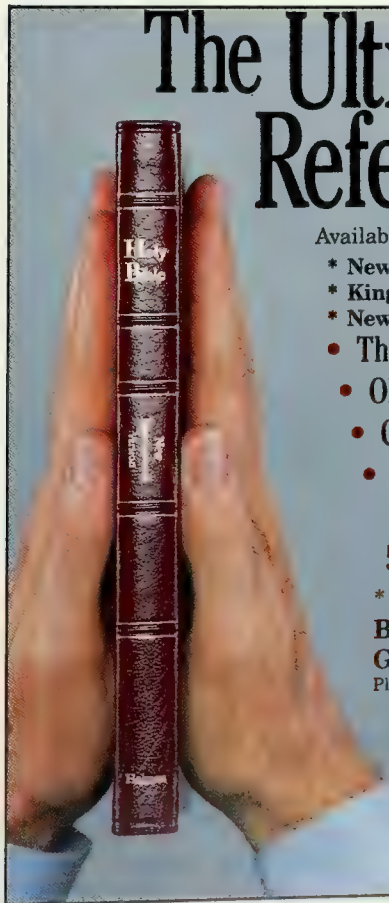
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by Roberta Letsch

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ROBINSON: Darlene Kinsey and Jerry Robinson, were married November 21, 1987, in the Homerville Grace Brethren Church, Homerville, OH. Robert Holmes, pastor.

DEATHS

EPPERLY, MRS. MILDRED: December 27, 1987. She was last of the charter members of the Whittier (Grace), CA, church, having attended there since its inception in 1914. She taught Sunday school, led in Child Evangelism groups, and served in the women's work of the Fellowship. Submitted by J. Keith Altig. Stephen Kuns, pastor.

KAUFFMAN, THOMAS W., 47, October 28, 1987. He was a faithful member and part of one of the founding families of the Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Alto, MI. Mick Funderburg, pastor.

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Name of Camp - Camp Surf

Name of Campground -

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Ben Taylor and Bob Hetzler

Name of Camp - Hume Lake

News Update

Phil Teran, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in San Diego, CA, has been invited to join the clinic faculty for **Evangelism Explosion III International**. As a member of the faculty, he will teach 2-3 clinics a year in selected churches around the country. He will continue to serve the San Diego church as pastor.

John Diaz, chaplain, has consented to serve as interim pastor at the new church at Hampton Roads, VA, while he is stationed there.

Rob Barlow was recently approved for licensure by the Iowa-Midlands examining board.

Robert Culver has written an excellent book called *The Peacemongers - a Biblical Answer to Pacifism and Nuclear Disarmament*. It gives considerable space to our traditional view on war. Write to Bob at Rt. 1, Box 166, Houston, MN 55943. Cost \$5.00, postage paid.

Brethren Youth Conference

Brethren National Youth Conference will be held at Biola University, La Mirada, California, July 30-August 5, 1988. Speakers will include Ken Poure of Hume Lake Christian Camps, John Whitcomb of Grace Theological Seminary, as well as musicians Al Holley and Kenny Marks. The week will feature a day at Knott's Berry Farm, trips to the beach, and a special communion service. Registration is \$220. Brochures and registration information will be sent to churches in March.

New Grace Study Books

A study book in Grace Brethren doctrine was released last month by GBC Christian Education. Titled, *Biblical Beliefs*, this first book teaches the first six elements of the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith: The Bible, God, Man, Jesus Christ, Salvation, and the Holy Spirit. More than 90 pages in length, the book uses a fill-in-the-blank approach in this doctrinal study. The book is intended to be used with Christians. Some of the questions the study answers are: How do you know the Bible is God's Word? How can you prove God's existence? What difference does it make whether Christ was born of a virgin? Can we lose our salvation? How does the Holy Spirit communicate today?

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Welcome Home G.I.s A Job Well Done

by Charles W. Turner

They *have* been coming home and they *will* be coming home . . . a group of persons who have served their terms and now have reached the time to retire. They may not *want* to retire, but that is the way life is in the twentieth century.

They are a mixed group of persons who have come from the farms of Iowa, the hills of Pennsylvania, and thousands of other different communities and cities. These individuals were born in a specific period of time and their lives were shaped by history.

These G.I.s did not know a lot about the world -- how big it really was or how small it was to become. They were mostly provincial in their outlook and the borders of their knowledge were shaped by their environment, but the times called for a change in their lives. Most of them were straight out of high school. The farms and steel mills where their fathers worked would have to wait.

The world was in conflict and world leaders were bent on settling a dispute. These men and women of the early forties were sent to a strange land with different people, sights and smells. For many, death was to be their fate, for others it offered a chance to look at mankind at its worst. The thinking of this band of people was never to be the same.

The war was ended in the mid-forties and they returned home. After a big welcome back, it was time to settle down to a family and a lifetime of work at their vocations. But many could not forget all they had seen. Their lives

had been changed forever. The sights of the past haunted them.

Many could *not* settle down to life as expected. They were Christian believers and they had used the carnal weapons of warfare. They wanted to go back and take something *else* to the people they had met. Thus began one of the greatest Christian missionary movements of all time. These people became known as the post-war missionaries. They went to Europe, the Pacific, Africa and South America. They returned to the corners of the world and they went with a message.

**Thus began one of the
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This time the message was more important than the weapons they had carried on their first trip. A needy world became a missionary field for these persons. Their missionary trip was one of great burden. This was not a

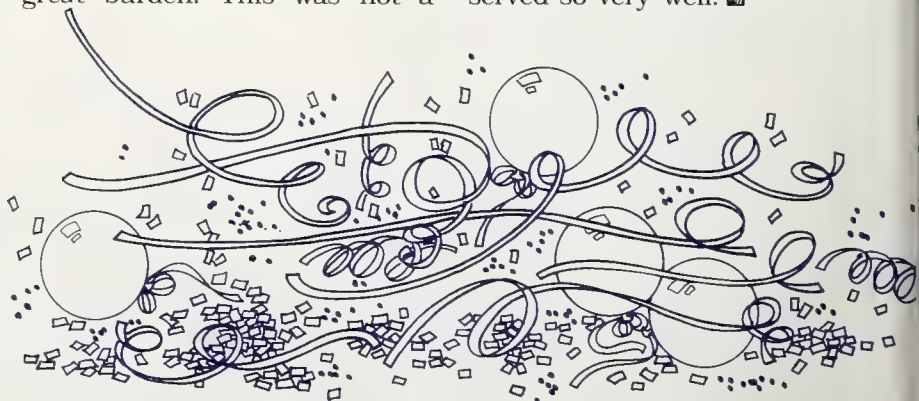
movement of professionals, it was a group of persons whose eyes had been opened to people who needed Christ.

They have served for thirty years or more and are now coming back to their homeland. As they have served elsewhere, their own country has changed into a mission field. Age and length of service may have taken a toll on their bodies, but their spirits and their vision have not dimmed.

Some have died on the field as martyrs, some have succumbed to disease, but many are coming home as unsung heroes. They are a great group to whom the church of Jesus Christ owes a great debt. They took Christ to where He had not been preached and showed the Way to Heaven.

The next few years will bring back the final group of G.I.s-turned-Christian-missionaries. A generation of workers has gone and we all pray that the field will be filled by yet another group of missionaries. The times may change, but the need remains.

For just a moment, I propose a vote of thanks for this very special group of missionaries who have served so very well. ■



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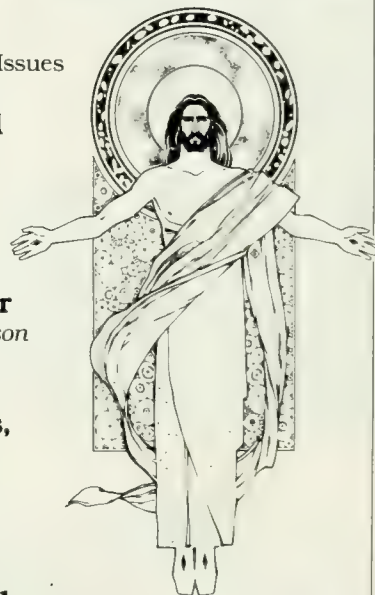
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New Life

A caterpillar builds a cocoon, then "dies" and arises again -- as a butterfly. Jesus said, **"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."** (John 12:24,25 NIV)

If a caterpillar insisted on remaining a caterpillar, he would miss the greater joy of soaring as a butterfly, displaying a delicate beauty which demonstrates a tiny bit of God's creative glory to the world. If we selfishly hang on to our human will, we will miss the opportunity to display God's creative glory to the world.

"Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them." (2 Cor. 5:17-19A NIV)

New Life

I believe in the brook as it wanders
From hillside into glade;
I believe in the breeze as it whispers
When evening's shadows fade.
I believe in the roar of the river
As it dashes from high cascade;
I believe in the cry of the tempest
'Mid the thunder's cannonade.
I believe in the light of shining stars;
I believe in the sun and the moon.
I believe in the flash of lightning;
I believe in the night bird's croon.
I believe in the faith of the flowers,
I believe in the rock and sod;
For in all of these appeareth clear
The handiwork of God.

Anonymous

I believe in the promise of Springtime
when crocuses bloom anew
I believe in the power of the cross
where Christ died for me and for you
I believe in the new life we're promised
when we live in Jesus' will
Like butterflies soar high on the wind
His love keeps my soul soaring still
Bunnies and butterflies remind us today
of the lamb sacrificial
More glorious still his resurrection
promises new life eternal.

Raeann Hart

"Jesus said to her (Martha), 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'"

John 11:26, 26A NIV

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through your suffering, death, and merit
Life eternal I inherit.
Thousands, thousands thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.
You have suffered great affliction
And have borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
For you chose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
Dearest Jesus, unto you.
Then, for all that bought my pardon,
For the sorrows deep and sore,
For the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore,
Thank you for the groaning, sighing,
For the bleeding and the dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
Praise you evermore on high.

Ernst C. Homburg,
1605-1681

Heavenly Father, during these precious days as we wait the day of celebration of your son's resurrection and the time when our earth springs forth with new life, help us to remember your sacrifice and your promise of new life. Thank you for your precious gifts of beauty in your creation and help us to live lives that show that we are filled with the new life that comes from you. Help us to share your love and message with others so they may share your eternal life. We praise you for your majesty.

A Different Kind of Bag Lady

by Kurt De Haan

How can you make a difference in a hungry world? Here's how one church became part of the solution.

She's not a "bag lady" in the typical sense. You won't see her roaming the streets in ragged clothing or carrying her belongings in bundles. Instead, you'll see her carrying bags of groceries to families who have called for help in times of crisis. For Karen Tasma, it's the Lord's ministry, and she is thankful to be a part of it. Since June of 1986, Karen and other members of the career-age singles Sunday school class of her church in Grand Rapids have taken practical steps to do what they can to reach out to the physical and spiritual needs of their community.

In this interview, Kurt De Haan talked with Karen Tasma about her group's efforts to minister to the needy.

How did you get involved in this ministry?

I had been very uncomfortable with the idea that every Sunday night our class would have a party or do this and that, but it didn't seem like we were reaching out at all. I wanted to do more in the community. About this time I talked to our class president and he said, "Great, I've got an idea of what you can do, Karen." He had the idea plugged into him by a deacon in the church who had been thinking about this type of thing. The group was ready at that point to start something like that.

How do you find out who has a need for food and how do you respond?

At first we were worried how we would get contacts without getting people who would abuse the program. So we made arrangements with a local social agency. They screen all the calls and give us names of people who need a delivery of food. They'll give me a call at work, and then I have class members' names I can call after they get home from work. They'll go to church to pick up canned items -- stuff we can store at church. We also go to a grocery store and get a bag of fresh food -- meat, eggs, milk, bread, and butter. Then we take that to the people who need the food.

How many "bread runs" do you have every week?

Last winter we had as many as 15 to 20 bread runs every week.

How many people are involved in the program?

We have a core of about 6 to 8 in our class who are committed to this thing. No matter what they've got going, they're willing to drop it and do a bread run. We started involving other Sunday school classes -- other adult members who have expressed an interest in going.

Is there any opportunity for a gospel witness?

When I drop off the food, I say that this is an emergency-type service, and I encourage them to call if they have other emergency needs. I tell them they are welcome to come to church. We always leave them some literature from Radio Bible Class -- usually on salvation. We also have the gospel of John that we leave with them. I also make sure that they know it's there. And I tell them that if they have any questions or would like to talk, they can feel free to call me.

What is the biblical mandate for this ministry?

One time I went through my concordance and did a study on the poor. What really struck me was that it says that the poor will always be with you, that you're commanded not to scorn the poor, and that God looks after the poor. And then, of course, there is the reference in Matthew where Jesus said, "Whatever you've done to the least of these, you've done unto Me." And in James we are told to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. And it also says not to turn away your brother, not to say casually, "Go in peace," without doing something for him. A lot of people from a conservative background will say that those people are just using the system and everyone has to get out there

and work for himself. I'm not going to stand up and answer for these people, but I answer for myself and what I can do. If I can do this, then this is what I need to be doing. Maybe they are using the system. But *they* are going to have to answer for that, not me. As a class, we are doing what we see is our responsibility as wealthy people. In a sense we are wealthy compared to these people.

Why do you think more people don't share your concern for the hungry?

Maybe because they haven't seen these people and haven't seen how they exist. I think about it day and night. It consumes me sometimes. It's like, what more could we be doing?

Who pays the bill for your program?

The church has been excellent at supplying food and money. Whenever the food chest is low, we can go out and buy the needed food. Usually all it takes is a little announcement from me or somebody else in the class and the food comes rolling in.

How have your ministry goals changed?

In January of 1987, I was feeling another restlessness with this. We were doing what we wanted to do originally, but I felt that there was something more we needed to be doing with it. I had kept a record of all the people we dropped food off to. In January, I started going back to some of the ones we were visiting every couple of months with food. And I just asked them if they would like the kids to go to Awana or Sunday school. From that I started with 2 or 3 kids, and now we're up to about 20 kids coming for the Awana program.

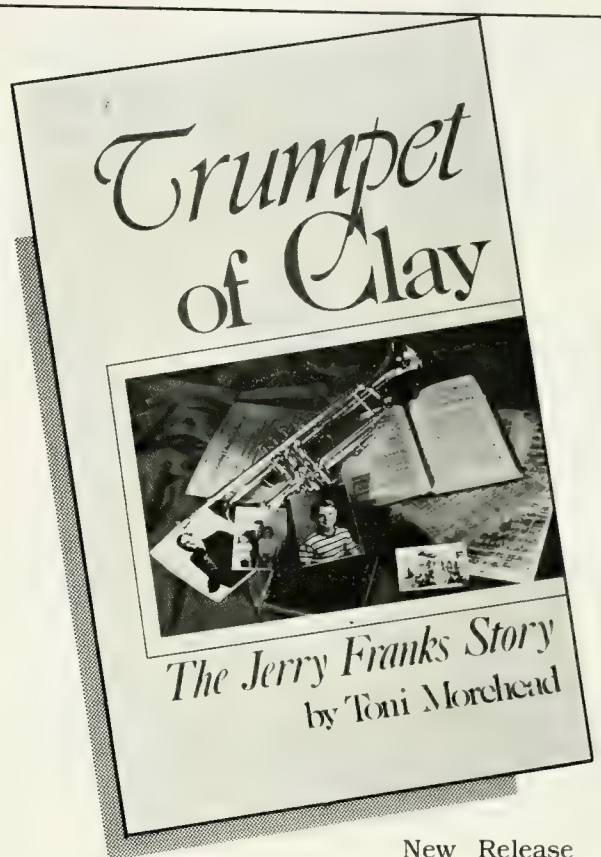
What are your dreams for the future?

I feel I should be doing even more. We've had a couple kids saved, but I feel there is no follow-up there. I've heard a lot of people say that you can't just reach the kids -- you need to reach the parents. The only way we're going to do this is by going to them. We've talked about maybe having a women's Bible study in one of the homes or setting up a 5-day club in the backyards for the summer time, things like that.

So we're trying to do more follow-up work with these people. A lot of them are really opening up to us, simply because we have given them the food. If we hadn't had that contact first, we wouldn't be getting anywhere with these people. ■

Editor's Note: See the article on page 24 for an example of how one of our churches is making a difference in a hungry world.

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JAPAN

by Cecil O'Dell



Today Japan is wide open to missions. Missionaries experience little or no difficulties in obtaining visas. The missionary is allowed to do almost anything he wants for evangelism outreach and church planting.

Japan is a western oriented nation with deep and influential eastern roots. Western dress, western food, western-style politics and western materialism blend with eastern reasoning, application and philosophy.

Young people follow all of the up-to-date fads in clothing, food and speech. Popular music blends with sports cars and the latest movies from America. Pizza, Colonel Sanders and McDonald's are as much a part of modern Japan as are the kimono, wooden clogs and raw fish.



NEW



OLD

JAPAN

AREA: 143,822 sq. miles. This is smaller than the state of California.

POPULATION: 120,000,000

CITIES*: Greater Tokyo area over 15,000,000;
Osaka 3,000,000; Yokohama 3,000,000;
Nagoya 2,500,000; Kyoto 2,000,000

LANGUAGE: Japanese

LITERACY: 99%

ECONOMY: One of the world's most powerful economies, despite lack of raw materials and limited agricultural land.

* GBFM has missionaries in the Tokyo and Osaka areas.

The nearly 300 islands of Japan form an archipelago that is 1500 miles long. The majority of the population lives on the four main islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. The topography is quite mountainous, with only 16% of its land arable. Total population is slightly more than 120 million, making it the seventh largest nation in the world.

Japanese young people have largely turned away from the beliefs of their forefathers; when asked their religion, they will likely reply, "None". Although they are attracted by a secular lifestyle, many are seeking a more meaningful way of life which can only be found through Jesus Christ.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

GBFM missionaries have been working in Japan since 1984 to provide an alternative for those who are searching beyond lifeless religion or materialism. Patience is needed because a Japanese always carefully weighs the implications of following Jesus Christ.

The Ike Graham family, after two years of language study in Karuizawa, moved to the Osaka area to begin the first stage of our strategy in Itami City. Shortly after their arrival they began making contacts and began seeing fruit.

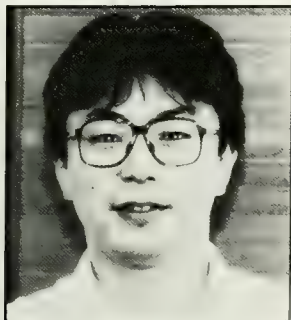


Miss Deguchi received Christ February 19, 1987.

Ike has teamed up with Shingi Muneda, a Japanese national whom he met at Grace Seminary. Shingi is preparing for leadership in the church. Our prayer is that Shingi will become the pastor of the church and help start daughter churches in the Osaka area.

Cecil and Debbie O'Dell have lived in Hoya City, Tokyo since they arrived in Japan August 1984. During their two years of language study they attended a Baptist church where they were able to learn many valuable things before beginning their ministry.

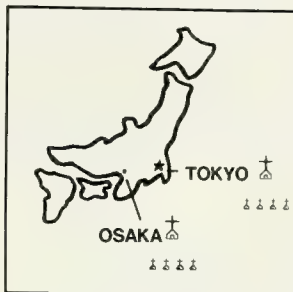
January 1987, marked the beginning of the Tokyo Grace Brethren Church. After locating a facility and three months of preparation and contact making, the church had its first official worship service on April 5th. The ministry in Tokyo has also been blessed with fruit in its first year.



Makoto Nishimura received Christ December 12, 1987.

STRATEGY: STAGE ONE

The strategy goal of the Japan team is to plant a series of churches in the Tokyo and Osaka areas.



Stage 1 of the strategy is to establish a core group of members committed to our goals and practices.

Out of the 14 Christians now attending services, some are preparing for leadership, some are preparing for church membership and others for baptism.

The goal is to be completed with stage 1 by the end of 1988. From there the strategy moves into stage 2. This stage will involve five years of expansion through carefully planned evangelistic and discipleship programs.

Stage 2 is going to require Japanese national involvement as well as additional missionary staff.

Ted and Kristen Kirnbauer will be finished with language study this summer and will join the O'Dells in Tokyo.

JAPAN TEAM NEEDS:

In order to accomplish the goals we believe God has set before us, we are going to need more career workers as well as those who feel they can give one or two years to help in the church planting effort. Short termers will be key to the ministry as they help the career missionary by making new contacts through English conversation classes and other special activities. This will allow the career worker to concentrate his efforts more in follow-up and Bible teaching. BY ALL MEANS COME AND JOIN US!!!

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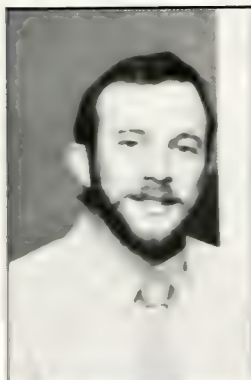
* Japan Field Superintendent

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

To The Fields

The following individuals were approved for missionary service by the GBFM Board of Trustees in February. They plan to leave for the field after National Conference in July or when their financial support has been raised.

Roy Angle, appointee to England, grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from high school, he attended and graduated (B.A., Biology) from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. After working for several years in Wyoming and Oregon, Roy returned to Pennsylvania and began working as a carpenter.



Roy Angle

In 1977 he gave his life to Christ, became a member of the Waynesboro, PA GBC, and began to take seriously his growth and development as a Christian. After attending and graduating from Moody Bible Institute (One Year Advanced Study Certificate) in 1985, Roy began a pastoral internship with his home church. One year later he participated in Euro-Missions Institute and received high recommendations from the England team.

Since that time, Roy has received his licensure from the Waynesboro GBC and the Mid-Atlantic District. He has maintained a focus on evangelism, teaching, and relationship building and will use this experience when he begins his ministry among university students in England.

Lori Wannemacher, SOWer to France, is a member of the Worthington, OH GBC. Prior to committing her life to Christ, Lori sought answers to the problems of life in the party scene until she committed her life to Christ in 1982.

She attended and graduated from Word of Life Bible Institute (Biblical Studies Certificate) and has taken classes at the Worthington Bible Institute.

Lori's desire is to work with the Lyon, France missionary team in discipleship, evangelistic, and encouragement ministries.



Lori Wannemacher

Tom and Laura Hickey, appointees to France, grew up in Florida and were married when Laura graduated from high school. Tom attended and graduated (B.A., Music-History-Literature) from the University of Florida and from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (M. Div.). Laura also graduated from Western (two-year Wives' Program) and became the chairperson of the program.



Tom Hickey

Tom was Assistant Pastor at an Evangelical Free Church, but left after three years, because he was attracted to the Grace Brethren clear doctrinal position. After six years out of full-time ministry, he became Pastor of the Ormond Beach, Florida GBC.



Laura Hickey

The Hickeys became burdened and challenged with the needs of France during National Conference in 1985. Since then, they have seen the ministry in France firsthand and would like to serve the Lord as missionaries there. The elders of the Ormond Beach GBC hate to see their pastor leave the church, but wholeheartedly recommend them for missionary service.

Tom and Laura have three children: Laura, Rebekah, and Alison.

SOWers is a two-year, short-term missionary program designed to give individuals who are seriously considering a full-time missionary career an opportunity for missionary internship. The primary emphasis of the program is in contact making and evangelization. SOWers are part of the mission team, but they also serve the overseas workers.

For more information concerning mission opportunities or the SOWers program, contact Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Beverly Dobrenen, SOWer to Germany, received Christ during Vacation Bible School as a child and is a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church in Whittier, CA. She attended and graduated from Biola University (Spanish), Whittier College (B.A. Home Economics) and California State University (Single Subject Credential). Beverly has studied Russian and German, and is currently learning French. She taught Spanish to high schoolers for six years.



Beverly Dobrenen

After participating in the TIME (Training in Missionary Endeavor) program in Mexico in 1977 and in EMI (Euro-Missions Institute) in 1987, Bev would like to serve the Lord in Germany in secretarial and people-related ministries.

Greg and Cheryl Shipley, appointees to England, and members of the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, met while attending Florida Bible College and were married three years later. Greg graduated from Florida Bible College (B.A., Bible), Grace Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Westminster Theological Seminary (Th.D., Reformation Studies). Cheryl graduated from Grace College (B.A., Elementary Education) in 1980.

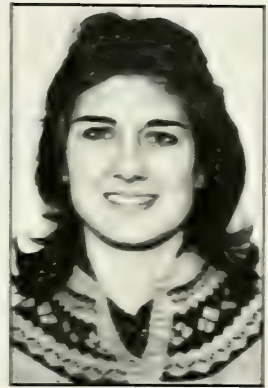


Greg and Cheryl Shipley

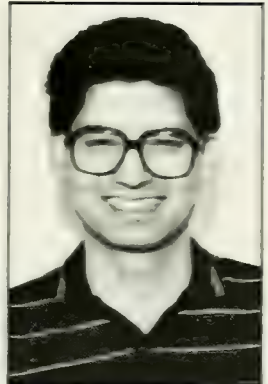
The seed of the Shipleys' interest in England was planted by missionary Phil Steele, studies in English church history, and exposure to British students. After attending GBFM Candidate School in 1987, they visited England and the spiritual needs of the English people became obvious to them.

The Shipleys have been blessed with two children by adoption: Charis and Matthew.

Martin and Kristy Guerena, appointees to Mexico, met and were married while ministering in GBC churches in Columbus, Ohio. Martin, who is a "missionary kid" from Mexico, graduated from Grace College (B.A., Church Music) and Grace Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He has represented the Brethren Board of Evangelism, led a ministry team to Southern California, graduated from the Lafayette, Indiana Counseling Center, and completed a pastoral internship at Northwest Chapel GBC in Columbus, Ohio.



Kristy Guerena



Martin Guerena

Kristy graduated from Ohio State University and Lima Technical Institute (Associate, Dental Hygiene) and from Word of Life Bible Institute (Certificate of Bible). She participated in a medical/dental ministry in Haiti, has served as an SMM patroness, and led discipleship classes at Ohio State University. Prior to her marriage to Martin in 1987, she was a secretary at the Worthington, Ohio GBC.

The Guerenas' desire is to plant GBC churches in Mexico City, Mexico, the world's largest city.

The following missionaries, who have been on extended home ministries also plan to return to the field after National Conference.



Patty Morris
France



Howard & June Immel
CAR



Ruth & Les Vnasdale
Chad



Bev & Martin Garber
CAR

WMC Rally New Mexico Style

by Mary Thompson,
Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries

Dinner time! It's a carry-in provided by the women of the First Brethren Church of Taos, New Mexico. The occasion is the overnight fall WMC rally for the Southwest District.

A fabulous menu reflects the Spanish heritage of many of the cooks -- enchiladas, green chile stew, chile rellenos, frijoles refritos (refried beans) and, of course, tortillas. The variety and quality of the meal rival that of an exclusive Spanish restaurant, with a few Anglo dishes besides.

It's said that in New Mexico everyone is a member of a minority group. *More of the Best From New Mexico Kitchens** states, "The bedrock of New Mexico cuisine is, of course, Pueblo Indian, reaching back untold thousands of years. The basic ingredients of corn, beans, squash, chile, game, and wild fruits and vegetables were adapted and augmented by Navajo and Apache, then by the Spanish colonists who arrived more than 300 years ago. On this Indian-Spanish foundation were laid the influences of later groups who began arriving less than 150 years ago -- French, Mexicans, English, Scots, Irish, and Germans; Yankees, Midwesterners, and Southerners of every color and every persuasion." And the list goes on.



The Southwest District of Grace Brethren Churches represents many of these ethnic groups. On some occasions, when everyone contributes to a meal, women from the Navajo churches bring their favorite stew and fry bread along with blue corn pudding. Albuquerque, with two Grace Brethren churches, has a more cosmopolitan population and adds diversity to the menus from their varied ethnic backgrounds.

A district WMC meeting might include a special song in Navajo from the ladies of the Navajo churches. Sometimes there's a song in Spanish, although one of the ladies with a Spanish heritage confided, "Some of us don't even speak Spanish."

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Although many miles separate most of the Southwest District churches, and in spite of ethnic differences, everyone senses the warm Christian love that permeates all the gatherings. There are no racial barriers in God's family. At the Taos rally women from Albuquerque, from the Navajo churches, and staff members from the Navajo Mission were all welcomed into Taos homes as overnight guests.

It can come as a surprise that in spite of wide cultural differences, people experience many of the same problems and needs -- marriages on the verge of disintegration, a child who has wandered from the Lord, a sick friend, a family member who is addicted to alcohol, a neighbor who doesn't know the Lord, problems in the local church, or a husband who has lost his job.

At 7,200 feet altitude, the fall weather in Taos was nippy, but the women paired off, moved out into the brilliant, warm sunshine and prayed for each other's burdens and needs.

Whether women cook stew and fry bread for their families, or tacos and frijoles, or roast beef and potatoes, their hearts are united in the love of Christ.

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Matthew 5:3-12



Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Charles Wesley

Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
Our triumphant holy day,
Who did once upon the cross,
Suffer to redeem our loss.

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Who endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains which he endured,
Our salvation have procured;
Now above the sky he's king,
Where the angels ever sing.

Sing we to our God above,
Praise eternal as his love;
Praise him, all you heav'nly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

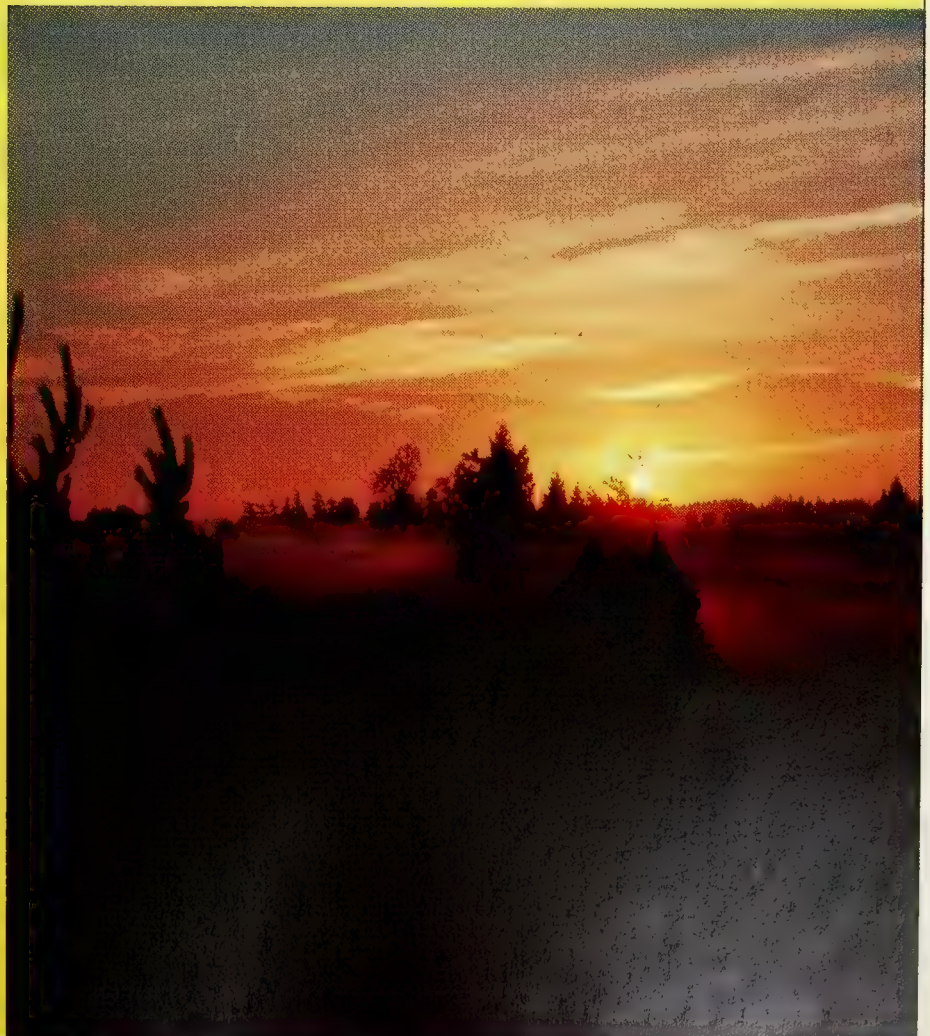
He's Risen, He's Risen

C. Ferdinand Walther, 1811-1887

He's risen, he's risen
Christ Jesus, the Lord;
Death's prison he opened,
incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven,
in jubilant song
While earth, sea, and mountain
the praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant
when on Calvary
The Lord of creation
was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain
his hosts shouted and jeered,
For Jesus was slain,
whom the evil ones feared
But short was their triumph,
the Savior rose,
And death, hell and Satan
he vanquished, his foes;
The conquering Lord
lifts his banner on high.
He lives, yes he lives,
and will nevermore die.

Then sing your hosannas
and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings
that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise
to the lamb that was slain;
In glory he reigns,
yes, and ever shall reign.



Nails

by Michael M. Smith

**"If anyone would
come after me,
he must deny himself
and take up his cross
daily and follow me."
Luke 9:23**



Why are these familiar words of Jesus so hard to put into practice? We know the cross was an instrument of death that gave Jesus no comfort. We know too that Jesus took up His cross of His own free will. No one forced Him to do it.

It was not a circumstance beyond His control, but a decision he made, like our early morning decisions to "take up our cross daily." We tell the Lord in the beginning of the day that we want to do His will regardless of the cost. Yet we often find by nightfall that our cross, so earnestly accepted in the morning hours, has been dropped somewhere along the way.

Why is our cross so difficult to hold on to while Christ persevered to the end? What did the cross of Christ have that ours lack?

Nails.

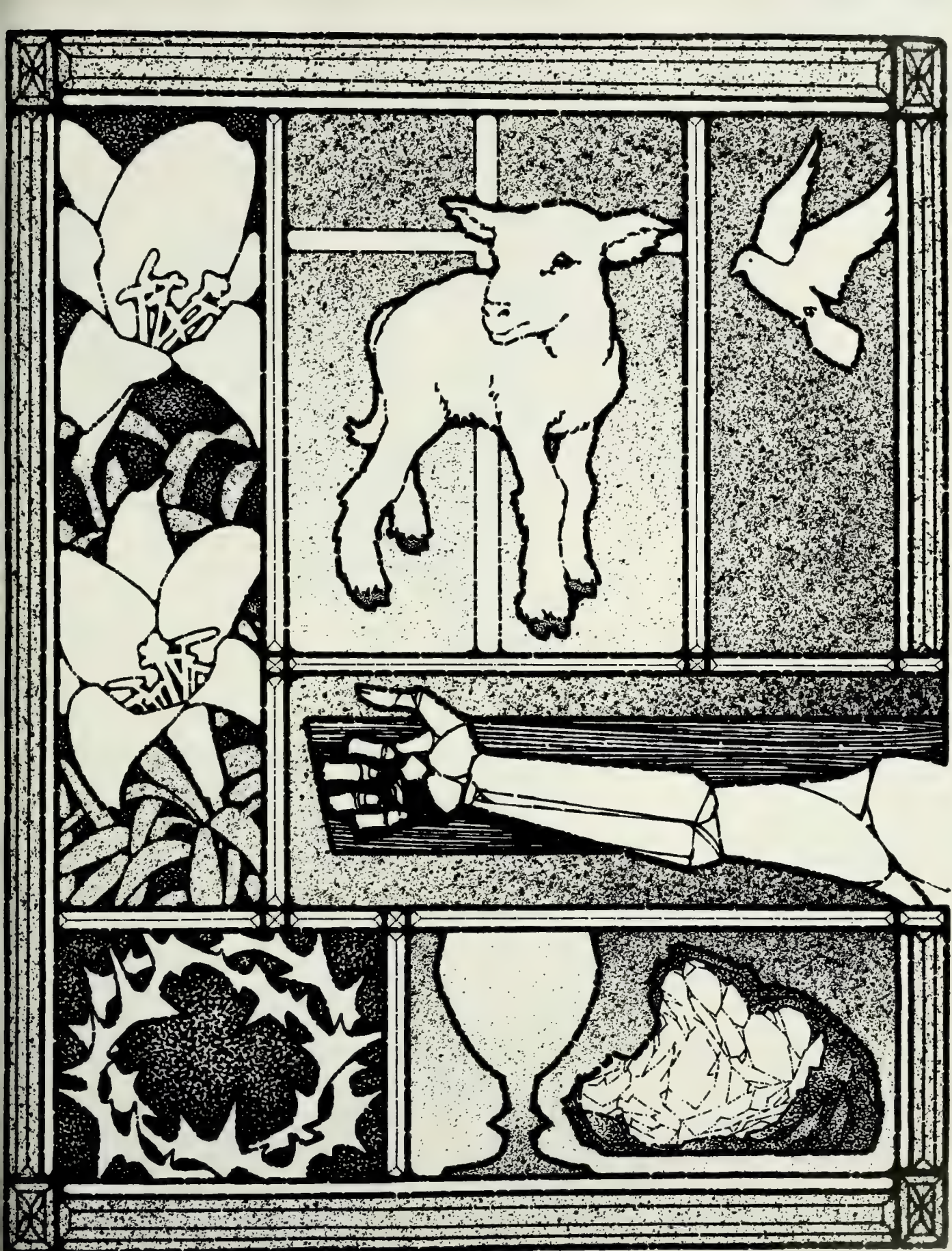
When Jesus let the soldiers drive the nails into His hands and feet, the cross took on a new meaning. It was no longer simply a burden or a mere symbol of death. It was death as reality. The nails were not very large, but they made the cross very real. A cross, after all, is not for simply carrying around. It is something you get nailed to.

Those few nails Jesus accepted were small, but painful. Have you noticed the three or four small "nails" that are offered you each day? They are momentary situations in which you have a choice to make: not exploding in anger at the driver who cut sharply in front of you on your way to work; helping someone when you're rushed for time and don't feel like helping; being honest even if it costs you time, money, or position; not insisting on having things done your way, though you're convinced you are right.

The nails are to the cross what your obedience is to Christ's lordship. Obeying means always saying yes to these nails -- so small, yet essential.

When you take up your cross today, don't forget the nails.

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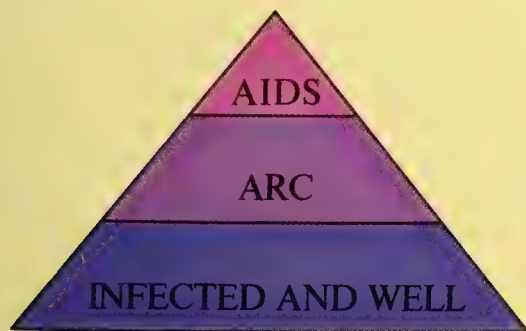
What is this Disease Called "AIDS"?

by Jennie J. Sholly, RN, BA, CFNP

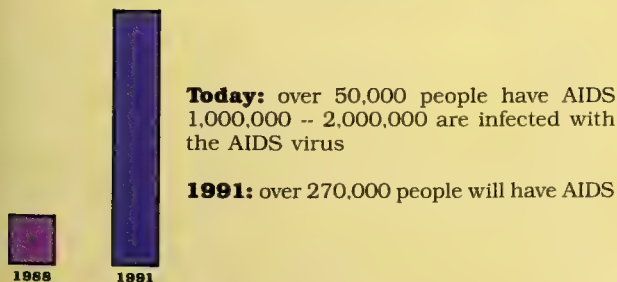
AIDS is a condition in which body defenses against several infections and cancers are destroyed. It is caused by a retrovirus labeled HTLV III (for Human T-lymphotropic Virus Type III). A shorter label used in this article is HIV (for Human Immunodeficiency Virus). AIDS, or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome means:

- A -- Acquired: not hereditary or caused by medication;
- I -- Immuno: relating to the body's defense against disease;
- D -- Deficiency: lacking in cellular immunity;
- S -- Syndrome: the set of diseases that signal the diagnosis.

There appears to be three categories of expression of HIV infection. It has been illustrated by a pyramid to present an idea of population proportions.



AIDS PYRAMID



Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

At the top of the pyramid, **AIDS** is the most severe HIV infection. In this disease, a patient's

immune system becomes so compromised that he or she becomes susceptible to certain malignancies or **opportunistic infections** (that is, infections that would not be a threat to persons with normal immune function, but will infect those with immune dysfunction). These include certain cancers, parasitic and fungal infections.

The symptoms of AIDS are often nonspecific and could be like those of a cold or the flu. However, the symptoms usually do not go away. They include:

- Prolonged fatigue not due to physical activity or other disease.
- Unexplained swollen glands of longer than three months duration.
- Persistent fevers or night sweats.
- Unexplained weight loss of more than ten pounds during a period of less than two months.
- Recent purplish or discolored lesions of the skin or mucous membranes that do not go away and gradually increase in size.
- A persistent unexplained cough.
- A thick, whitish, hairy coating on the tongue or in the throat.
- Easy bruising or unexplained bleeding.

The incubation period (the time between becoming infected and actually developing signs of disease) for AIDS can be quite long. In some cases, people have developed AIDS five or more years after they were thought to have been infected. We currently do not know how long some of the "infected well" may go at maximum before developing symptoms. Of those who develop AIDS, most die from their disease within two years. Although some have survived for as long as five years, it is too early to say if these people will become ill again.

There is currently no cure for AIDS, although most of the "opportunistic" infections are treatable. Several experimental drugs are being tested both in Europe and the United States. Currently, only one is approved for use. It seems only to prolong survival. Hopes are that some of these drugs can be used in early stages of symptoms to prevent developing more severe AIDS infections.

AIDS-Related Complex (ARC)

There are many conditions that do not result in AIDS but are caused by infection with HIV. Physicians call these conditions ARC (AIDS-Related Complex). (See middle of the pyramid illustrated) These symptoms may be chronic swollen glands, chronic diarrhea, and weight loss. When with these symptoms a person goes on to develop a threatening opportunistic infection, they have AIDS.

Asymptomatic Infection

The bottom of the pyramid represents the infected well. Most people infected with HIV have not developed any symptoms. These are called asymptomatic infections and occur with all viruses; AIDS is no exception. **The estimate is that over one million persons in the United States have been infected with the HIV virus.** The number of these infected well who ultimately go on to develop AIDS or ARC can only be determined by long-term follow-up studies of persons exposed to the virus.

Who are the people being infected with HIV? Over 90 percent of them include:

- Gay and bisexual men with multiple partners
- Male and female IV drug users who share needles and syringes
- Female sexual partners of males at risk for AIDS

In hi-risk areas, such as New York City, AIDS has become a leading cause of death for young women due to IV drug abuse and prostitution.

Casual contact including hugging, shaking hands, social kissing, crying, coughing or sneezing will not transmit the virus.

Other groups at risk are:

- Infants born to parents who are at risk for AIDS
- Persons who received infected blood or blood products in the past before it was screened or treated.

About 1 percent of the AIDS cases occurred in patients with hemophilia. (Tests became positive in the majority during 1981-1983.) Now 50-70 percent of hemophiliacs have HIV antibodies. Only 2 percent have developed AIDS. Since 1985 blood products have been heat-treated and tested.

Frequent questions arise about this virus. Is it like a cold or flu virus that many people get easily from others' coughing or sneezing, such as chickenpox or measles? **No.** It is infectious, but not in the same manner.

It is contagious in the same way that sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis and gonorrhea, are contagious. It can also be spread through the sharing of intravenous drug needles and syringes used for injecting illicit drugs.

AIDS is not spread by common, everyday contact, but by intimate sexual contact. Because the first cases of AIDS were reported in this country in 1981, we would know by now if the virus was passed by casual, non-sexual contact.

Although the HIV virus has been isolated in a very low percentage of samples from human saliva, sweat, and tears, there is no documented case of transmission occurring through exposure to these fluids and it is usually not possible to find the virus in the saliva of persons known to have the virus in their blood. AIDS infection is not spread in air, food, water, urine, feces, or by close nonsexual contact such as shaking hands, coughing, hugging, sneezing or sharing eating utensils.

The best evidence against casual transmission comes from studies of brothers and sisters of children with AIDS. Most of these young people have shared food and drinks, used the same eating utensils and toothbrushes, slept together in the same beds, fought and wrestled, cuddled and kissed. In many cases it was not known for a considerable period of time that anyone in the family was infected and no special precautions were taken. Regardless, none of these children have developed AIDS or shown evidence of HIV infection as a result of contacts with their ill sibling.

In studies of over 300 household contacts, not one person (other than a sexual contact or a child born to an infected parent) has developed AIDS or become infected with HIV as a result of living with a person with AIDS. While no study can prove that household spread never occurs, the fact that it has yet to happen indicates that the risk, if any, is extremely small.

Main issues of transmission of the virus appear to be sexual transmission and sharing of dirty IV needles. Small percentages of transmission are found through placental transmission and breast milk. These numbers are increasing due to infected mothers. Other modes of transmission in the past have been organ transplantation, and blood transfusions before May 1985.

AIDS is less readily transmitted sexually than many other sexually transmitted diseases. Some are exposed many times and still not infected. However, others are infected after only one or two encounters. There are some theorized factors in susceptibility. One is the degree of infectiousness of the carrier. The virus appears to be characteristically more potent in concentrated form. The more an immune system is bombarded with the virus, perhaps the more likely one is to become infected. Thus, the second factor may be

repeated exposure. A third possibility is the general state of health of the exposed persons. This may include whether other disease is present, or whether the immune system is already impaired or compromised by drugs or disease.

In the cases of health care workers developing positive HIV tests, several intense studies have been done. In those who have no other risk factors, intense mucosa exposure to blood and body fluids through splashing, spills, or through direct inoculation by needle punctures have been the source of exposure. Most of these incidents were avoidable with proper precautions.

What about the small percentages of cases listed by Center for Disease Control as "no risk identified"? The general public often assumes that these people were infected from toilet seats, food, etc, or other as yet unrecognized means of transmission. In fact, there is no evidence of this. It is suggested that most of these persons have risk factors that they may be unwilling to admit or accept. Given the intensely uncomfortable subjects of homosexuality and drug abuse, is that hard to understand? A minority may have been unwittingly exposed by sexual partners who had risk factors of which they are unaware. Others have moved away and been lost to studies and others have died before interviewing was complete. The fact that this particular number has remained low and fairly stable helps to exclude the possibility of transmission by casual contact.

Testing for HIV antibodies in the blood is encouraged for anyone who feels that they might have been at risk. Testing does not bring with it a promise of cure. It also must be remembered that **the HIV test is not:**

- a test for AIDS
- a prediction of future illness with AIDS or related conditions
- a measure of immunity to, or protection from the virus
- a reflection of ability to transmit the virus to others
- an accurate test for the presence of the virus.

Testing can influence important decisions in an individual's life. If there are concerns about transmission to a spouse or an expected infant, or pregnancy, it's an important test. The most important consideration is to encourage risk-reduction behaviors and improved health habits.

There is an **incubation** period after exposure of two weeks to six months during which antibodies may appear in the blood. The majority will have a positive test in two to three months. Several factors lend weight to the accuracy of a test. Obviously, truthfulness regarding historical behaviors with sexual practice and drug use are vital. Testing becomes a focal point of encouraging change in

those particular areas. At this point we must assume that a positive test indicates past exposure to the HIV virus. We also assume that the individual will be infected for life and able to transmit the virus through blood and other body fluids. Individuals who test positive are encouraged to have a baseline physical exam, to cultivate health-building habits, to avoid heavy stress, to maintain certain vaccines/immunizations, and avoid exposure to some illnesses. They should agree not to donate blood and body organs.

Absolutely nothing is more important than adequate handwashing facilities with soap and water

Many testing centers are now available with certified counselors to help clients sort out their questions and anxieties regarding AIDS. Confidentiality and even anonymity for testing is utilized as the client wishes in most cases. Exceptions might be where mandatory testing is instituted. In some places, testing is free, but not everywhere. Most testing places require pre-test counseling to be done.

Recommendations for the Church

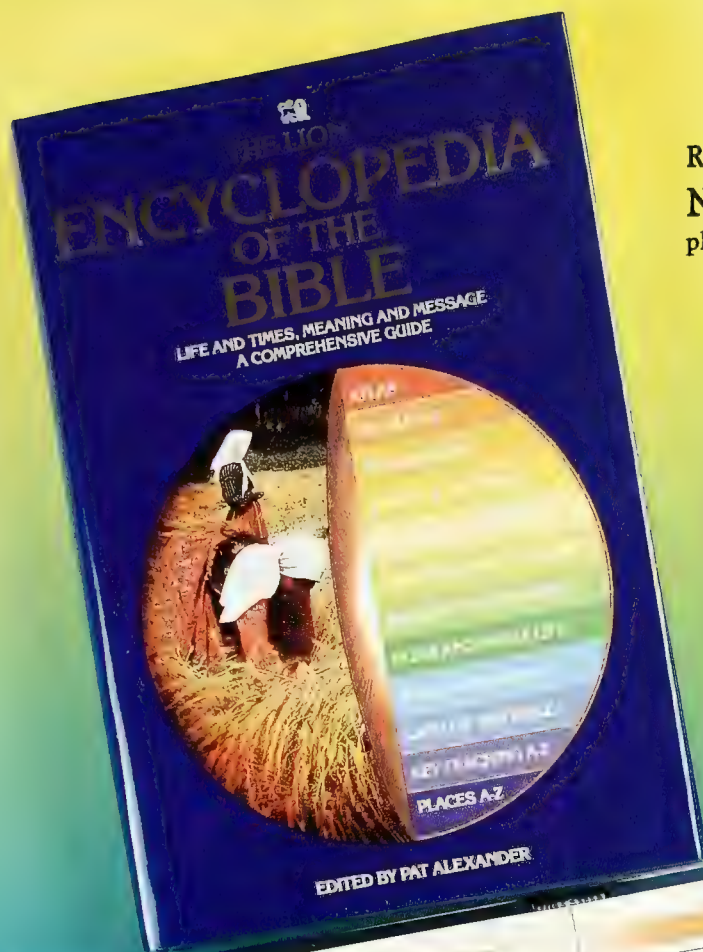
How do we "handle" the HIV-positive person in the church? The AIDS patient? The AIDS baby or child in the nursery? Policies should be in place. The unexpected will happen. The question is "when"?

Transmission of the virus would necessitate exposure of open cuts to the blood or body fluids of an infected person. Casual contact including hugging, shaking hands, social kissing, crying, coughing or sneezing will not transmit the virus. AIDS is not contracted from sharing bed linens, towels, cups, straws, dishes, or any other eating utensils. AIDS is not transmitted from toilets, doorknobs, telephones, office machinery, or household furniture. AIDS is not "caught" from non-sexual body contact.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) of Atlanta, Georgia has recommended that "universal precautions" be instituted when there is potential contact with body fluids. Absolutely nothing is more important than adequate handwashing facilities with soap and water. Proper handwashing is essential. It may be suggested that a box of disposable latex gloves be available for body fluid spills such as vomiting and diarrhea and perhaps changing diapers. Plastic trash bags help to minimize handling of soiled linens or paper products. All of these precautions are hopefully

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already in place in every church nursery. C.D.C. recommends simple, but effective, procedures for clean-ups that are being implemented in schools and other institutions. The AIDS virus is very fragile and transmission outside of high risk behaviors is considered negligible. Guidelines are available from local health departments or AIDS information centers. ■

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What is your church doing to reach out to the community? If your church has a program that reaches out to AIDS victims or has a special ministry or uplifting testimony, please share it with us.

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Profile of a Church Planter

by Robert W. Thompson



There are similarities between church planting and lifeguarding.

The story is told of the young man applying for the summer lifeguard's job. The examiner was impressed and was on the verge of giving him the job when he remembered to ask, "Can you swim?" The young man replied, "No, but I can wade just about anywhere."

I'm afraid the response from many of our church planting applicants is a great deal like that of the aspiring young lifeguard. They tend to have more enthusiasm than a thorough understanding of what is required. It is not necessarily a highly sophisticated task, but it does require specific skills. One cannot simply "wade" in hoping that things will turn out right. This is not to suggest that many of these applicants would not do well in other fields of ministry, as they most assuredly would. Church planting demands at least three elementary qualities without which the effort will undoubtedly falter and very likely fail.

There are similarities between church planting and lifeguarding. Both are occupied with rescuing those who are in danger of losing their lives. Initially, the role calls for a deep and abiding compassion for those in imminent danger. Such a quality should characterize every believer, but unfortunately, that isn't so. This compassion is expressed in evangelism. It means an appreciation for everyone, regardless of their status in life. It

has been my observation, as one who finds himself at home on the beaches of Southern California, that lifeguards respond to the cry of "help!" without regard for race, color, or social standing! Their commitment is based solely on the need of the moment. The more experienced guards spot the one in trouble often before the individual is aware of the impending danger.

The location of the beach determines the kind of people that comprise the crowd. Every area is different in its composition. Even the surf dictates the methods of lifesaving. Whatever the method, it is the rescue that counts.

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.*

The second most important overlay in this composition of a church planter is most evident in those committed to rescue work. It is his utter disregard for personal safety. He must be a "Risk Taker." Only a few are willing to take whatever risk is necessary to achieve great goals. Most of us are arm chair heroes or Monday morning quarterbacks! Too many waste time in weighing all the options and figuring the percentages, but risk takers see only the objectives and the opportunity of the moment. They are motivated by the goal. Someone

has said that risks must never be taken simply on the possibility of success or failure, but rather they should be taken in the light of their consequential effect for good.

Church planting is a risky business. There are no guarantees beyond the promises of God. This should be sufficient for a child of God, but often our personal objectives are so super-imposed upon the will of God we miss the blessing of success even when it comes our way. The visible results viewed purely from a personal perspective can leave us discouraged, but God has the whole plan in mind:

*It will be worth it all when we see Jesus
Life's trials will seem so small when we see Him*

One glimpse at His dear face All sorrows will erase

So bravely run the race, Till we see Him.

A large number of young top executives were a part of a recent survey by *Fortune* magazine. They were asked what single element played the greatest part in their success. Ninety percent responded with the rather startling answer -- "WORK!" This was not surprising to me for I have observed through the years that this factor, as much as any other plays an important part in the equation of success. It must be included as one of the three basic qualities in our profile of a Church Planter.

Church planting is risky business.

If it is true, we must ask why many hard workers never seem to get ahead. I would not presume to know all the reason for this, but obviously it is not just quantity. Ed Jackson, Eastern Director for Grace Brethren Home Missions, proposes that the answer may lie in "working smarter, not harder." There are no short cuts to success and most of the victories are achieved commensurate with expended energy. Anyone who has observed a lifeguard after a dangerous rescue, lying prostrate in the sand gasping for breath, realizes that pure energy plays an important part in the process of rescue. No different is the church planter with a multitude of tasks to be done and only a few (or perhaps none) to help. It means up early and up late!

Perhaps you are thinking that only a superman should apply. That's exactly what it takes, but then the entire project is a supernatural undertaking. God is pleased, however, to use ordinary men.

Admiral Halsey touched on this subject in referring to the many heroic deeds he had observed during his long and brilliant career as a naval officer. "There really are no great men, just great challenges and ordinary men that are forced to accept them." Paul gave us the Biblical explanation. "... see your

calling, Brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty . . . but of Him are ye in Christ Jesus . . ." (I Cor. 1:26-30) ■



For more than 25 years, Robert W. Thompson has been a part of Grace Brethren Church planting. He was instrumental in beginning the Grace Brethren Church at Westminster, CA and has served on the staff of Grace Brethren Home Missions since 1965 and since 1985, he has been its Executive Director.

HOME MISSIONS NEWS

Millersburg Has Record Sunday

The new Grace Brethren Church at Millersburg, OH set a record the last Sunday in January. They had 87 people in the morning worship service.

"We also had our first '5th Sunday Carry-In Meal,'" adds Pastor Chuck Thornton. "It was a great time of fellowship."

The congregation presently meets in a rented church building, but they are looking forward to the day when they will have their own facility.

The church has consistently grown since it was founded more than a year ago. The members are now focusing on another phase of reaching their community for Christ.

"On February 1, I met with six men for our first TIMothy (Training In Ministry) Group," notes the pastor. "We're training for leadership in evangelistic home Bible studies."



New Van

Thanksgiving Day was truly a day of thanksgiving at the Victory Mountain Chapel in Dryhill, KY. Two days before, Pastor Sam Baer had picked up the new van which was purchased as a result of gifts from Christians nationwide. On Thanksgiving Day, the Baer family and their dinner guests gathered around the van for this picture. Thanks to all who contributed toward this vital project!

Meeting Needs, Sharing the Gospel

by Lester E. Pifer

One Sunday morning, I challenged our young congregation here in Bradenton, Florida to be actively involved in helping reach our community for Christ. I urged them to think of new ways in which they could make contacts and touch the lives of people needing Christ. I emphasized that everyone being involved in outreach would bring the blessing of God upon our church family for their willingness to share.



Charlie and Linda Mitchell went home and discussed the challenge. The next day, they went to the grocery store and bought five bushel baskets of basic foods. At a Christian bookstore, they bought five Bibles and placed one in each basket.



Charlie and Linda Mitchell

On Tuesday, Linda called and asked me for suggestions as to where they could take them. That evening, the three of us drove to the other side of Bradenton to the home of a young couple. Because the husband was unemployed and had just undergone alcoholic treatment, we took two baskets. Here was an unsaved family of three, with no church relationship, no job, and in great need.

I wish I had taken my camera to record the expression of delight that came into that home. The young mother, with tears streaming down her cheeks, grabbed Charlie, then Linda, and hugged them. The impact of this spontaneous expression of love to Charlie and Linda was heartwarming.

The young man told us they had just decided the night before they were going to start attending church and the first money they would accumulate would be spent on a Bible. I had the opportunity to read the Word and share the plan of salvation. After a time of prayer, we left that little home with a new feeling of love for the lost.

My wife, Genny, and I have gone back several times and are happy to see this couple getting started in a new relationship with the Lord.

The value of this demonstration of love was threefold. First, it met a material need. Second, it was an opportunity to share the message of Christ. Third, it got one couple involved touching lives with the Gospel. It is a ministry that all Christians can share.

Pastor on Field

"At long last we are in residence, though not as we expected!" says Pastor Don Buckingham, of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lafayette, IN.

"After the buyers of our home in Warsaw (IN) had been declined by three mortgage companies, we arranged to lease our house to them while they continued to seek local financing," he adds.

The Buckinghams had hoped to move to Lafayette last summer to begin the new Grace Brethren work there. However, since their house had not sold, they commuted each weekend, driving the hour and a half distance each way.

The rental arrangement freed the family to move to Lafayette, so they asked the Lord to provide a home they could lease which would meet their needs as church planters and at a rate they could afford.

"He immediately and abundantly provided in an unexpected way!" Don exclaims. "Within three days, we were introduced to a Chinese gentleman (and a professor at Purdue University) who owns

rental property in West Lafayette. He leased his former home to us for about \$200 a month under the prevailing rental rates! We did not expect to so quickly find a house to lease (because of the small number of rental properties available), to be in such a nice area of town for such a low price, or to make a contact in the Chinese community here on such a favorable basis!"

The pastor goes on. "God's good provision always exceeds our greatest expectations when we patiently wait upon Him. David testifies: 'My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him . . . He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be shaken' (Psalm 62:5,6)."

And in the excitement of finally getting located on the field, came another blessing, says Don.

"We learned from our buyers in Warsaw that they finally received financial commitment from a local lender! We anticipate closing on the sale of our home the first week in February!"

GBHMC, GBIF Employees Recognized

A mid-winter luncheon at the home of GBHMC executive director, Bob Thompson, and his wife Betty, recognized eight employees for their years of service. Each was given a certificate and a gift in appreciation for their work.

Florence Figert, a secretary at the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation was recognized for 30 years of service. She came to work for Grace Brethren Home Missions in March, 1957 and later transferred to the GBIF.

Cashel Taylor, who works with processing information for the GBHMC, was honored for the 25 years she has worked in the office. However, her years of service go further. She first came to work for the Council in June, 1946 and worked full time until December, 1952. She returned in March, 1955 and worked until December, 1957, then took off to be with her family. In early 1970, she returned to work part time and rejoined the full time staff in April, 1971.

Recognized for more than 20 years of service

were **Wanita Ogden**, bookkeeper for the GBIF; **Bob Thompson**, executive director; and **Marilyn Orlando**, secretary at the GBHMC. Wanita was hired in September, 1963 and has worked with the GBHMC continuously with the exception of one year. Bob joined the Council as western director in August, 1966, moving to Winona Lake three years ago to assume the executive director position. Marilyn has served with the council since October, 1966.

Walter Fretz, director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation was recognized for 16 years service. He joined the staff in July, 1971.

Junie Scofield, the pleasant voice who answers the phones at the Missions Building, was honored for 12 years of service. She came on staff in May, 1975.

Larry Chamberlain, assistant executive director of the Council, was recognized for 10 years of service. In July, 1977, he came to work for the Council as an accountant.

SMM Celebrates 75 Years



When Mary Bauman started a discipleship ministry with some of the girls from the Philadelphia First Brethren Church, she prayed that God would impact these girls . . . that perhaps some would even become future missionaries. But little did she know that the seeds she planted would grow into a national ministry in 1913 and touch thousands of girls during its 75 year history.

Mrs. Bauman, wife of Pastor Louis S. Bauman, had a burden for teaching girls how to live godly lives. She also had a burden for missions. These two concerns meshed in a girls' ministry called, "the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha." The 1913 covenant challenged girls to "make offerings of prayer, time, and money to the end that the daughters of sorrow in every land may know the love of Jesus."

Seventy-five years has brought many changes to this ministry. The CE ministry now stands for "Serving My Master" and the focus is more appropriately stated, "The purpose of SMM is to equip girls to live godly lives in an ungodly world and to reach the world for Christ." Ongoing revisions in the program continue to make SMM relevant to the needs of girls while keeping an evangelistic and missions thrust.

Today's SMM offers a club-type ministry for girls in grades 1-6. The weekly meeting is structured to include games, Bible and missions stories, and goal review to help girls work on character growth as well as develop talents and skills. Scripture memory and Bible reading are also disciplines developed and challenged through goals. At least four times a year a "Mom's Night" brings mothers or special friends into the weekly meeting. An evangelistic activity called, "The Main Event," also occurs quarterly and gives girls a special opportunity to bring friends.

At the junior high and high school levels, SMM offers a strategy and programming for further discipleship and leadership training. An emphasis on character growth and skill development continues with specific goals.

For 75 years, missions has been an important component of each age level. In addition to studying about Grace Brethren missionaries, the girls pray for missionaries and correspond, often make sewing kits or other projects that help missionaries, and give money through weekly offerings to help supply missionaries with evangelistic materials or other needed resources.

Another element of SMM that has not changed is the underlining passion of women teaching and training girls how to live godly lives. All the resources and ideas provided by GBC Christian Education for this ministry are simply tools to help women accomplish Titus 2:3-5 with the girls in their church.

CE Staff Meets With Scripture Press

Several members of the CE staff were briefed last month on the fall revisions scheduled for Scripture Press Publications. One of the largest Sunday school curriculum publishers, Scripture Press has planned a repackaging of their children's curriculum. New artwork, activity sheets, and teacher resources are part of the revisions for each age group. New student's books and teaching material for pre-school through junior levels will be available for church use beginning September, 1988. The new material looks great and is designed to attract and hold the attention of children. CE has endorsed Scripture Press curriculum and highly recommends it to Grace Brethren churches.

The Ultimate Conference For Twenties

A new conference is now available for singles in their twenties. Aptly named "Twenties," the conference will be held at the Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn in La Mirada, California, on July 30-August 5, 1988. Special speakers and musicians will include Ken Pouré, Al Holley, and Kenny Marks. The conference is held in conjunction with the Brethren National Youth Conference.



Ken Pouré

CE Prayer Requests for April

1. Pray for key speakers, Frank and Mary Tillapaugh, Ed Trenner, and Dann Spader, as they challenge and enrich attendees at Ridgecrest '88, a conference for pastors, associates, youth workers, and women in ministry, April 4-8, 1988.
2. Pray for Ed Lewis and his administrative assistant, Joyce Willsey, as they finalize leaders and details for Operation Barnabas, June 16-July 29. Pray that vehicle needs will be secured for the two Southern California teams. Pray for the 57 young people as they prepare for this ministry.
3. Pray for these TIME workers: Dave and Tina Watkins (Alexandria, Virginia GBC), and Craig and Marlene Byers (Leesburg, Indiana GBC) serving at the Brethren Navajo Mission; Penny Schroeder (Northwest Chapel GBC, Dublin, Ohio) serving in Spain; and Madelyne Underwood (East Side GBC, Blacklick, Ohio) serving in Germany.

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Living in the DMZ

by Edward W. Waken

There he was, in the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). He did not want to move. All around him he heard both sides of the battle trying to enlist his services. "Use our method." "No, use our method, it's better than theirs." "Ours gets more results." "Ours is Biblical." "No, ours is Biblical." "STOP!" cried the man, "I'll just stay here and watch." He knows he should share his faith, but he is confused as to how he should do it, so he sits and watches others evangelize. That is living in the evangelistic DMZ!

On the one side of this evangelistic DMZ, a group can be seen that has been successful, yet limits its number of followers by the expertise it takes to follow their method. In this group one must have the answers to all possible questions and theories that can be presented before he can effectively make disciples. One must destroy the belief system of the listeners and find it void of all possibilities. It is at this point a person can share with his listener the good news of what Jesus has done for him. Again, this method has had and will continue to have success. The followers of this method, though, will always be limited because of the time, effort and energy required to implement it effectively.

On the other side of the evangelistic DMZ there is a totally different group. This group has had equal success combined with much popularity in encouraging people to share their faith. In this camp it can be seen that the emphasis is on developing relationships with people. This method teaches that by developing relationships one gains the privilege of sharing his faith openly and freely over the course of time spent with another individual.

Over the past several years many have followed this second method of evangelism. However, as these relationships are being developed, evangelism often times is not! In this method it is possible for people to be caught up so much with the relationships they are enjoying, that they forget to evangelize. This forgetfulness can be caused by the fear of destroying the relationship if an attempt is made to share Christ. This method also relies heavily on the importance of winning the respect of an individual before one can effectively share his faith with him. With this in mind, it can tend to eliminate any spontaneous prompting by the Holy Spirit for a believer to share his faith with any person whose heart has been prepared for harvest.

With these two successful, yet limited and radically different methods of evangelism, it is no wonder that one finds many Christians today living in the evangelistic DMZ. They are so confused as to "which method" to use in telling people about their faith, they simply choose to stay out of the battle. They are fearful that no matter which method they do use, they will not follow the formula correctly, and thereby fail! With this fear in their minds, they decide to leave evangelism to the professional communicator, pastor or evangelist. Here, in the evangelistic DMZ, they may find the pseudo peace of not being in a battle, but they are then faced with the problem of disobeying Scripture (I Corinthians 9:16, James 4:17).

So how do people free themselves from this evangelistic DMZ? By being given the freedom of knowing that at the moment of one's own conversion, God gives each new convert the natural spiritual capacity to handle eternal truths adequately in a way that is adjusted according to the needs of the listener. One no longer needs to be tied to one specific method of evangelism. The methods of communication are multiplied as many times as there are people willing to participate in evangelizing the lost at any given moment.

This is the basis for what is being taught across America in seminars called First Love Renewals. First Love Renewal is sponsored by Brethren Evangelistic Ministries and has been used of God as a freeing agent to believers, encouraging them to share their faith naturally in the power of the Holy Spirit. The response to these renewals has been beyond expectation. (To find out more about First Love Renewal, contact BEM). First Love Renewal is not a technique of pressure or coercion to make believers evangelize. It is an urgent call to all Christians to return to their first love of Jesus Christ, which in turn motivates them to "join the battle," excited to tell others about their Savior, forever leaving the evangelistic DMZ behind them.



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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Mortgage Burning

WAHIAWA, HI -- On January 24, the Waipio, GBC celebrated the paying off of their mortgage with a special afternoon service. In a tent, erected over a portion of the parking lot and in the midst of beautiful decorations, were testimonies, special music, and the burning of a copy of the mortgage.



L to r: Former Pastor Foster Tresise, Ernest Shimizu, Financial Secretary and Pastor Dave Mitchell.

A unique part of the celebration was a Hawaiian Luau in which a pig was cooked in the ground Hawaiian style. This took several days and many long hours to prepare, but the purpose, the fellowship and the blessings from God made it all worthwhile.



Retrieving the cooked pig . . .

The church has established a Weightlifting Fellowship for the purpose of bringing men together for fellowship and exercise.

The church has a unique way of keeping their attendance in the low 100s. In the last several years, they have had from their church: a young man as a chaplain in Germany, a family serving as missionaries in Papua, New Guinea, a family at Grace preparing for the ministry, a family serving full-time with

Missionary Tech, a family preparing to leave for more training with a goal of being missionaries to the Philippines, a young man serving full-time with Campus Crusade, and a former member studying at Moody Aviation School with a goal of becoming a missionary pilot to Brethren missionaries.



Left to right: Randy Senas, Michael Oshiro, Jeff Schneider and Pastor Dave Mitchell.

"It is hard on one hand to see these key people leave," according to Pastor Dave Mitchell, "but on the other it is a blessing to be a part of their ministry. May God continue to send forth laborers and may we be allowed to keep sending them."

LaMesa Grace Brethren Church, Rio Rancho, NM, is the new work begun after the closing of the GBC in Albuquerque. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 15863, 87174. Lee Friesen, pastor.

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HARRAH, WA -- Four musicians received special recognition during the evening service of January 17. Four ladies, with a total of 102 years of combined musical ministry, were given presentation plaques in appreciation for their contribution to the music program of the church. Those honored were: **Julie Smithwick**, forty-five years of piano/organ ministry; **Pat Morrell**, for thirty-two years of vibraharp/piano ministry; **Esther Rockwell**, for ten years of organ ministry; and **Bonnie Schilperoort**, for five years of piano/organ ministry.

Music director **Robert Rowe** was also honored for his multi-music ministries in the church. He serves as song leader, choir director, music co-ordinator, provides special music, and is advisor to a singing group, called "Destiny."

At the same service, the architect's plans for the new church facility were presented to the congregation. Ground-breaking is scheduled for October 1.

JAMES MARSHALL is retiring from the active ministry after serving as pastor for a number of years in the Sinking Spring, OH GBC.

LONG BEACH, CA -- GBC Christian Education held their annual board of directors meeting on March 6-9, 1988, at the Long Beach, CA Grace Brethren Church. The church hosted the board members and provided opportunities for the CE board and staff to interact with the Long Beach GBC staff. The location of the meeting represents CE's desire to hold board meetings at model churches and expose the CE board and staff to new ideas while keeping focus on local church ministries.

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WINONA LAKE, IN -- As a part of Josh McDowell's "Why Wait?" cam-

paign, the Barna Research Group in Glendale, California, assisted GBC Christian Education in conducting a national survey with Grace Brethren youth. Here is a sampling of the results that relate to parent and teen relationships.

1) 75% of the youth said they were "very close" or "fairly close" to their father. 89% described the same relationship with their mother.

2) 51% said they "seldom" or "never" talk to their father about personal concerns. 67% said they "frequently" or "occasionally" ask their father for advice.

3) 87% said they "frequently" or "occasionally" felt proud of their father. 91% felt the same way about mother.

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5) Only 58% said they "frequently" or "occasionally" did something special with their father that involved just the two of them. 53% said they spend less than 15 minutes each week talking to their father about things that matter to the youth.

6) 53% said their home is a place where they felt secure and loved.

The survey was conducted among church young people (96% Christians) and is almost identical to a larger sampling of Christian evangelical young people.

VISITATION DAYS

Grace Theological Seminary's "Seminary for a Day" is scheduled April 22, with the Grace College "V.I.P. Day" set for April 30. The events are designed to give interested potential students as well as accepted students the opportunity to visit the Grace campus, observe classes, and talk to administrators, professors, and students. In addition, accepted students will be able to preregister, choose a college dorm room, and in general get "settled in" at Grace.

"Seminary for a Day" April 22 will feature a chapel service, remarks by Grace President Dr. John J. Davis, meetings with seminary professors, discussions with Registrar James Shipley and Director of Admissions Ron Henry about application and enrollment, a presentation by Mrs. Elaine Grill, a realtor, about the local real estate market, and a special question-and-answer session with members of the Women's Seminary Fellowship.

The college's "V.I.P. Day" April 30 also offers a chapel service, meetings with registrar, director of admissions, academic division heads, and professors. In addition, visitors who are potential Grace students will be housed, if they desire, in dormitory rooms in order to become better acquainted with Grace students and campus life.

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DEATHS

GINGRICH, BEATRICE. She was the wife of Joseph Gingrich, who preceded her in death by a number of years. A memorial service was held on October 21, 1987 at which Pastors Bob Combs, Bob Moeller, and Bud Olszewski shared in the service. Bud Olszewski, pastor.

MOYER, ROBERT W. 61, January 3, 1988. He was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

MARRIAGES

ARTHUR: Tammy Taylor and

Ernest Arthur were married at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, December 5, 1987, by Pastor Luke Kauffman.

MARTEL: Shawn Lengel and Steven Martel were united in marriage on December 12, 1987, by Pastor Luke Kauffman.

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Grace College Lancers, the men's basketball team at Grace College, Winona Lake, IN, had compiled a record of 27 wins and 4 losses as of February 29, 1988. They have also clinched the championship in the Mid-Central Conference. Jim Kessler is in his 11th year as coach of the Lancers.

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The Ultimate Rejection

by Charles W. Turner

We are in a period of extreme introspection. As a bookseller, I find that most of the books that are moving off the book shelves today are written on the subject of problems. They cover internal problems that somehow seem to become external ones.

One of these recent books lists 14 problems on the cover and in 192 pages gives the solution to each of them. Not bad when you consider it costs only \$5.95. (That is without the customary ministerial discount.) You have to admit this book is a bargain with the answers to problems given at only 42½ cents per solution. Some people would pay the full \$5.95 just to find the solution to one of these problems!

Temptation is one of the problems covered in this book. Some of the present TV evangelists would have called this book a great bargain if it would have helped them overcome temptation. Divorce is another topic covered for 42½¢. Why not pay the entire \$5.95 and discover the solution to depression, suffering, pain, guilt, anger, worry, disappointment, aging, dying or frustration?

The author of this book also deals with rejection. It is a tough subject and it happens so often. I recently read about a man from my old home town of Akron, Ohio. Rejected by 176 publishers, Bill Gordon will get his name in the 1989 Guinness Book of Records on the basis of having received the most rejections in history. Actually, he was rejected 217 times as some of the publishers rejected his manuscripts more than once. I relate to this story, because as a publisher I hate to reject manuscripts. I wait a long time

to write to people to tell them of the rejection, which causes me much guilt. This rejection business is a big one.

We experience rejection in a lot of realms. The spiritual realm experiences rejection as well. Congregations reject ministers at the time of call or years later. It would be very tough to be told you have to give up the parsonage because the vote was 32-31 and not in your favor.

Rejection is difficult to deal with and happens so often.

I would think the ultimate rejection must have been to John the Baptist. He was a down-to-earth, revival-style preacher. He did not dress for success and probably did not even own a yellow tie. (That has been the "power tie" recently.) He was tough on the congregation and the leaders. He called them vipers, or snakes, that were on the run from the fire of judgment. Rejected, indeed, they cut off his head and carried it around

on a platter at the big banquet down at the government building. That happened on the night they got drunk and the party really got out of hand.

John the Baptist's murder would seem to be the ultimate rejection, but it was not. That came a few years later when they took God's Son, Jesus Christ and nailed him to the cross. They laughed at him, ridiculed, beat, scourged and killed him. Now that is rejection. However, there is a good end to that deplorable event. Jesus arose from the dead and came back to offer forgiveness to His killers. Now that is how to handle rejection in its highest form -- that is the way God does it.

I'd like to share one last thought on rejection. Maybe, just maybe, the ultimate rejection is when a person rejects the love of Jesus and the grace of God. When he or she says, "No, Jesus", that person elects to face the future without forgiveness. One day Jesus will say, "depart from me. I never knew you." That's rejection. ■



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Who Will Go and Work Today?

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Daniel March, 1816-1909

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
 "Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white and harvests waiting,
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"
 Loud and long the master calls you;
 Rich reward he offers free.
 Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I. Send me, send me?"
 If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus;
 You can say he died for all.
 If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the judgment's dread alarms,
 You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.
 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
 Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Off'ring life and peace to all,
 With your prayers and with our bounties
 You can do what God demands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.
 Let none hear you idly saying,
 "There is nothing I can do,"
 While the multitudes are dying
 And the master calls for you.
 Take the task he gives you gladly;
 Let his work your pleasure be.
 Answer quickly when he calls you,
 "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Jesus speaking John 9:4,5

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Jesus speaking Matthew 5:13-16

O God of Mercy, God of Light

Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

O God of mercy, God of light,
 In love and mercy infinite,
 Teach us, as ever in your sight,
 To live our lives in you.
 You sent your Son to die for all
 That our lost world might hear your call;
 Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
 We rest our hope in you.
 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
 To feel for those his blood has bought,
 That every deed and word and thought
 May work a work for you.
 For all are kindred, far and wide,
 Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
 Grant us the will and grace provide
 To love them all in you.
 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 Each other's burdens help us share;
 May we, where help is needed, there
 Give help as though to you.
 And may your Holy Spirit move
 All those who live to live in love
 Till you receive in heav'n above
 Those who have lived to you.

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have called us the light of the world. We realize that our actions are seen by others and they bear witness to you. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail and our actions do not give you glory. Give us courage and wisdom so our light will shine before men and they will see our good works and praise you. Help us not to do things with selfish motives, but to truly glorify you. Help us to be the preserving, flavoring salt of the world, telling others that You are the light of the world.

Lord, the temptations to seek the darkness instead of the light are great. Build up your church and help us to avoid temptations. Help us to live by the truth of your word, living in your light and sharing this light with others

The fields are truly white and the harvest waiting. Father, you have sacrificed your son for us on the cross to bring us eternal life. Please help us to share this truth with others throughout our world. Help us to say to you, "Here am I, Lord. Send me."

Amen

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Start Next Door

by Joseph Aldrich



***You know it's God's will
for you to tell your
neighbor about Jesus.
Here's one way to do it.***

Visualize the neighborhood readiness for Christ. When I go fishing, birds are often the key to locating fish. Gulls will frequently circle in a particular spot because feeding fish are driving the small minnows (their dinner) to the surface. Gulls join the feeding frenzy and inadvertently tip off the perceptive fisherman where to fish for his dinner.

In a very real sense, the effective evangelist believes God's Spirit will lead him to the schooling fish. Our Lord has already told us the fields are white unto harvest. There might be Spirit-prepared people living close to you who are seeking answers. God will lead you to these people like the birds lead fishermen to fish -- if you're looking.

Establish a growing relationship. Ask God to help you learn how to get to know your neighbors. First, learn their names. Second, smile! If you want to build redemptive friendships, be friendly! Third, be a good listener. Discover and discuss their interests rather than your own. Fourth, take the initiative to be of help when it is appropriate. If they're painting their house, grab a brush! Offer to mow the lawn and look after the house and pets while they're on vacation. Do they need a babysitter? Sit for them.

Extend an invitation to your home. Your goal is to advance your back-fence relationship

toward a more significant friendship. Meals are a great way to do it. As a general rule, it's good to have a definite reason for inviting them. It may be simply to enjoy your new barbecue recipe or share homemade ice cream. Many seem to feel that if they have not shared their "witness" before the evening is over, they have failed. Not so. We saw one couple trust Christ after 3 years of careful cultivation. We probably ate together at least 30 times. Patience does pay off.

Give them something to read or listen to.

Be casual about it. Put some good Christian literature on your coffee table. Be sure it is top quality. Stick with books that are need-centered and have good graphics. Often they will pick up a book and start thumbing through it. If they express an interest, give it to them, or drop by later with another.

Tapes on marriage and family relations, prophecy, Christian evidences, and personal testimonies can be powerful evangelistic tools. Be sure, however, that you listen to the tapes first! They should be positive in tone and biblically sound.

Find an appropriate harvest vehicle. A time comes when it is appropriate to pray toward involving our non-Christian friends in some type of Christian activity. Here are some examples: evangelistic dinners, home Bible studies, businessmen's breakfasts, mayor's prayer breakfasts, Christian films, conferences or retreats, seminars, fishing or hunting trips, church sports programs, special concerts, church-sponsored craft classes, neighborhood teas, and boys and girls Bible clubs. These harvest vehicles are necessary because most non-Christians avoid the big step from where they are to a Sunday morning church service.

Plant seeds for salvation. Your friendship may progress to the point where nonbelieving friends virtually ask you how to become a Christian. This is not uncommon, especially if you have been a good "seed planter." There will be opportunities during your friendship to communicate bits and pieces of both the gospel and your own personal testimony. Gradually direct the person to Christ.

What a joy it is to be able to introduce your friends to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

First, ask about his religious background.

Second, as he discusses his religious background, listen carefully and patiently. Listen for understanding. It is also important to listen for permission to continue the discussion. Watch for signs of nervousness, wandering attention, a change of subject, or nonverbal evidences of hostility.

Third, eliminate caricatures of the gospel. For instance, a person might think that to become a Christian he must give up everything he enjoys. As you plant seeds that eliminate caricatures, you move the individual closer and closer to the cross.

Be ready to share. The final key is to be prepared for the harvest. We do need to be able to share the words of the gospel. What a joy it is to introduce your friends to a saving knowledge of Jesus.


Action Suggestions

1. List the neighbors that you are sure are not Christians. Then begin praying that God will lead you to develop relationships with them that can result in evangelism.
2. Have a family discussion to decide what your household can do to win those neighbors to Christ.
3. Make it a goal to do at least one thing each week to enhance your opportunities for witness with those neighbors.
4. Make sure everyone in your family is familiar with a good method of explaining the plan of salvation. Practice on each other.

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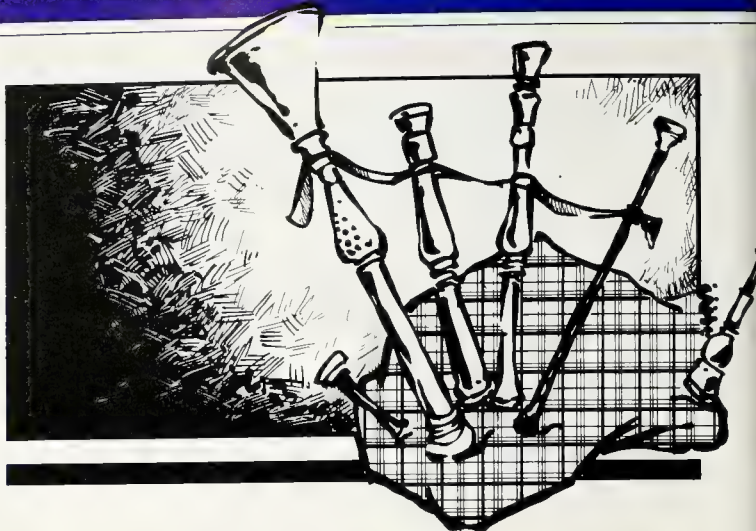
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Bagpipes and Baptism . . . What Else?



by Chuck Davis
Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Ocala, Florida

The sound of the familiar song filled the air. "Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!"

The words filled my head, but the sound was different - the tune was being played on the bagpipe!

Bagpipes are not unusual at the Ocala, FL, Grace Brethren Church since the arrival of the Kerrs. What else would you expect from a family with Scottish heritage?

On this beautiful April day, the sound of bagpipes came drifting across the swimming pool of George and Shirley Kerr. The church had gathered to hold a unique baptismal. The service was not unique in the use of a swimming pool -- that's common in Florida and other warm climates. This day, **four generations** of the Kerr family would be baptized!

Scot Kerr was driving to work in December when he saw the little office building and the Ocala Grace Brethren Church sign. He and his wife, Susan, and their two children decided to visit. When they left the services that Sunday, they knew they had found a church home.

Like the Apostle Andrew, they knew they must share the good news. Soon, Scot's father and mother and grandmother visited the church, and they, too, found a home.

Next came Scot's brother, Darryl and his wife, Bernadette, and their children. They also found a church home at the Ocala GBC.

Later in the year, Susan's parents visited the church. They have found it to be a place that will minister to their needs, as well. And, for the first time, Scot and Susan's extended families were worshipping in the same church.

Around the pool that sunny Sunday, the songs were sung with enthusiasm and joy. It was an exciting place to be. The water temperature was great, at least for the pastor. Maybe it was a little cool for those being baptized, but on this special day, no one was concerned about such small matters. We are reminded of the work of others in our lives who have brought us to this place.

George and Shirley became aware of the Grace Brethren Church in Pompano Beach, FL. Soon after

moving to the Sunshine State in 1969, he was involved in a work-related accident which left him disabled. Some time later, while watching a Billy Graham Crusade on television, George accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. The Pompano Beach Grace Brethren Church and Pastor Gene Witzky entered their lives and ministered to them. Now, on this April day in 1987, George and Shirley would be baptized and join the Ocala GBC.

Scot and Darryl both found Christ at Youth Ranch, a ministry of Florida Bible College, while they were teens. Darryl was baptized at the Pompano Beach GBC and became a member there. Susan was saved as a child and she grew up in an evangelical church in Pompano Beach. She will join her husband in being trine immersed today. All three will become members of the Ocala GBC.

Most of the Kerr family had been Christians for some time, but Megan, Scot and Susan's daughter, accepted Jesus as her Savior in the spring of 1987. Bernadette, who was raised a Catholic, had accepted Christ as her Savior several years earlier, but had no assurance of salvation. She gained this assurance through an explanation and study of the Scriptures and made a public profession of her faith in Christ. Both Megan and Bernadette will be baptized today.

Isabelle Thorn -- Shirley's mother, Scot and Darryl's grandmother, and Megan's great-grandmother -- was saved as a child. She is afraid of water, but today, she will join her family and be trine immersed and also become a member of the Ocala GBC.

Four generations in one family, ages eight to 80, all baptized on a bright Florida afternoon. All are a product of God's work in their lives through loving, concerned fellow Christians.

A Home Missions church is a product of many Christian's work in toiling together in love to see men and women, boys and girls, come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. At Ocala Grace Brethren Church we are reminded of that at every service when the Kerr family is present. ■

Goals Lead to Self-Supporting Church

Pastor Kurt Miller remembers it was a humbling experience.

It was the fall of 1983 and he had just arrived in Palm Harbor, FL, to work with the Grace Brethren Church. The congregation had been meeting for about five years, but when Kurt assumed the pastorate, there were only eight people in the developing Home Mission point.

"I spent a few weeks 'busting my butt' to get people into the church and it was not working," he recalls.

It was time for a break, not so much from work, but for evaluation. The result was a gentle reminder that God builds the church and allows it to grow.

"I had to recommit myself to the Lord," recalls the 38-year-old pastor.

Kurt and his church leadership began to develop some definite goals for the church. One of them was to be self-supporting. By January 1 of this year, they had reached that goal.

Attendances are averaging 100 people each Sunday and the congregation recently broke ground for a much-needed worship center on a main road in Palm Harbor.

"Most of the people who have come into the church invite their friends," says Kurt. "We try to encourage our people to love one another and to have a passion for the lost."



Part of the pastor's commitment is to be actively involved in his community. Almost immediately after he arrived in the Gulf Coast community, he asked the church to join the local chamber of commerce. He has since been elected to its board of directors and currently serves as vice president in charge of governmental affairs.

Three years ago he offered his services to the local police department. As a result of his



Patch The Pirate Club -- performs for the Sunday morning service.

chaplaincy ministry there, six police officers and their families are involved in the church.

Programs are kept to a minimum at the Palm Harbor Grace Brethren Church. "My philosophy is to meet the absolute needs that you have now and what programs you have, do well," says Kurt.

Two junior church programs have been successful in working with the youngsters of the church. Patch The Pirate Club is a children's choir program for 1st through 6th graders that meets weekly. The kids provide special music for worship once a month.

Youngsters ages two through kindergarten may also be involved in the Pee Wee Pirates program, a companion to the Patch The Pirate Club.

The church has a full complement of Sunday services with one exception -- they do not meet for an evening service. "And we have no plans for one," adds the pastor.

"I have always wanted to have a better attended Wednesday evening service," explains Kurt. When he moved to Palm Harbor from an established ministry in Pennsylvania, he seized the opportunity to try something different.

The midweek meetings are often better attended than Sunday School. While the children and youth are in their respective programs, the adults focus on prayer. The first 40 minutes is spent on their knees, then there is about 15 minutes for a devotional thought.

"We've been going through Psalms since I got here," admits Kurt.

The congregation has set goals up to 1992, but

their main focus currently is on the construction of their new building. They presently crowd into a classroom in a local day care center for worship each Sunday morning.

The new facility will seat up to 350 people when it is completed late this summer. The 6,805 square-foot building will also include classroom and office space for the rapidly-growing congregation. Total cost, which is being financed by the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, is \$300,000.

Pastor Miller recognizes there is a need for a church like the Grace Brethren in Palm Harbor. A bedroom community for the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater area, the city is growing "by leaps

and bounds." In 1983, the population was less than 25,000 people. Today, it is in excess of 60,000, many of them young executive couples who commute into the larger, nearby cities. By 1995, city officials expect more than 100,000 people to live in their community.

It provides a vast mission field for a young church like the Palm Harbor Grace Brethren. And even though the congregation has targeted attendance and financial goals for the next five years, the pastor is reluctant to map out future programs.

"It depends on the community and the people who come into the church," he notes.

It's all part of letting God build the church. ■

San Bernardino Goes Self-Supporting

The Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, CA is back on its feet again as a self-supporting church.

About six years ago, the congregation suffered a devastating split and a significant loss of members. Working with churches in the Southern California-Arizona District, Grace Brethren Home Missions stepped in to heal wounds and rebuild the church.

Pastor Ward and Lucille Miller were instrumental in guiding the church back to health. It wasn't easy.

"We didn't realize how difficult it would be to overcome the effect on the congregation," says Ward, a veteran Grace Brethren pastor. When he and Lucille arrived, there wasn't a church membership and the building was being rented to another congregation.



The first two years, the couples focused their energies on the church's Christian school. While Ward served as pastor/administrator, Lucille acted as principal/teacher. At that time, there were 70 students in the Kindergarten through 6th grade school and 20 youngsters in a pre-school program.

Today, the school has an enrollment of 140 students in grades K-6 and 55 two-, three-, and four-year-olds in the pre-school.

The school has served a dual purpose. In addition to providing a quality Christian education to San Bernardino youngsters, it has given necessary financial support to the church.



Ward and Lucille Miller

That's what is keeping our head above water," admits Ward. "Without the school, we could have never made it financially."

The school is also providing a pool of unchurched families. "We have about 30 to 40 families who do not have regular church contact," says the pastor.

San Bernardino is located two hours east of the Los Angeles metropolitan areas in rapidly growing San Bernardino County. "One mile to the east of us, 2,700 homes are being constructed," notes Ward.

Ward attributes the growth to the overflow of people from metropolitan Los Angeles. "We're going to have to concentrate on these people," says Ward. Goals for the coming year call for the addition of two new members each month and a 40 percent increase in financial giving.

But the pastor's biggest burden is to see people reached for Christ. "Pray that we would see a breakthrough in reaching new souls," he says. ■

One Ministry, A Team Effort

"Pregnancy Hotline, this is Janis. How may I help you?"

This is the way each Monday morning begins for one member of the North Pole, AK Grace Brethren Church. She is a volunteer counselor for the Pregnancy Crisis Center in nearby Fairbanks.

A few months ago, Janis and her husband, Ted Davies, attended a benefit dinner for the "Life Center" of Fairbanks. After listening to the speakers and seeing slide and video presentations, they felt they needed to help! So, Ted and Janis decided to make a monthly pledge of financial support.

But that didn't seem to be enough. Janis talked with an acquaintance who served as secretary of the Crisis Center. The friend suggested she volunteer to answer the phone and talk with pregnant girls. Janis' name was placed on a list of prospective candidates for training.

It wasn't long before she received a call from the Pregnancy Crisis Center asking her to commit herself to a week-long intensive training process. They needed an answer the next day, because they were in immediate need of help.

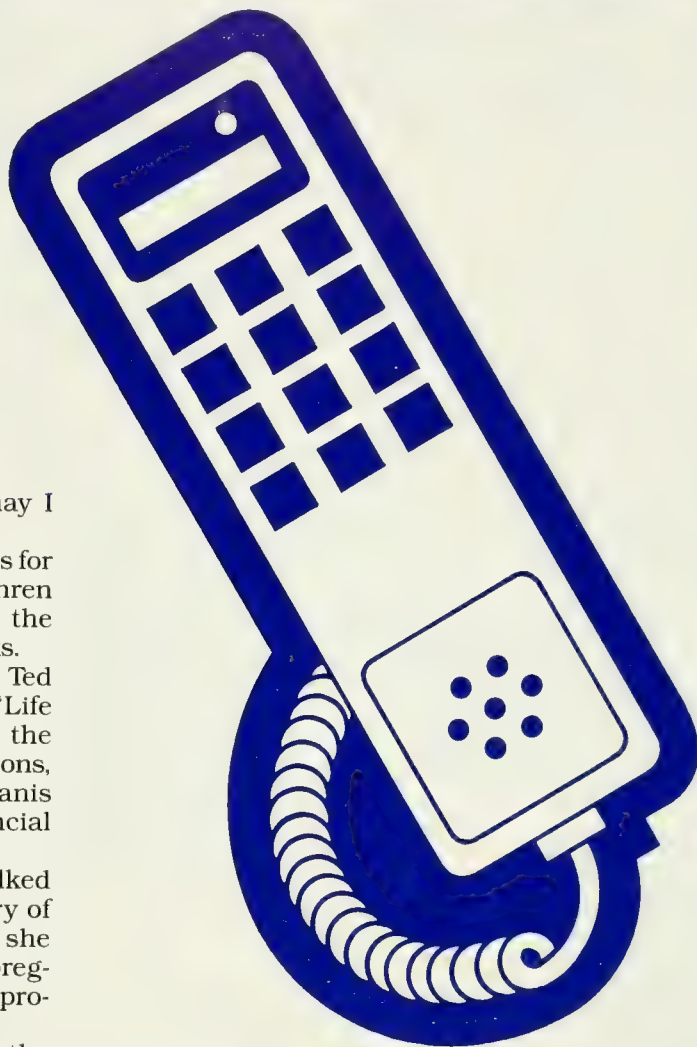
Janis shared the opportunity with several friends and asked them to pray with her. And it wasn't long before she decided this was an area where the Lord wanted her to minister.

"Just the week before, in a message on suffering, Janis had heard me say that the 'really big' question in life is not 'why do I suffer', but rather, 'what is my purpose,'" recalls Pastor Bob Gentzel. Janis decided this was part of her purpose.

The training began. For four hours on four consecutive evenings, Janis and other volunteers watched videos, heard lectures, and role-played certain situations in order to learn how to talk with girls who were considering abortions.

"It was like trying to fit two years of college into 2 hours," says Janis. "The key things I learned was that I needed to be a listener and how to help young women make clear, educated decisions about their individual problems," she adds.

"My first real experience with a client, as an



observer, was eye-opening," she notes. "There sat a 16-year-old girl who was four and one-half months pregnant and needed financial assistance. Just a year before, she had had an abortion and now she couldn't get the support she needed from her family."

The young lady was offered free prenatal care from the midwife nurse who works through the center and she agreed to come to the center each week to be helped in making the right decisions about her baby and her life.

"I know the dear Lord loves each one of these girls and the precious children they are carrying," says Janis. "My job is to be available so that the Lord can use me."

Janis has found her ministry at the local Pregnancy Crisis Center has made her an extension of the ongoing ministries of the North Pole Grace Brethren Church.

"My dear brothers and sisters prayed for me during my training and have promised to continue to do so whenever I am on the Hotline or counseling at the Crisis Center," she adds. "It isn't just my ministry, but my local church's and my Lord's."



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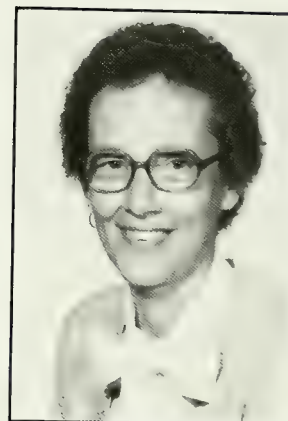
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In addition, I want to express my heartfelt thanks, and I know I speak for Vicki, Suzie, Barbara and Lila as well, for the money that has been given toward our support. No doubt you are well aware of the financial challenges that GBFM has faced, especially with the drop of the value of the dollar overseas, which has necessitated an increase in support levels. Your gifts have been a real encouragement.

I am glad that I was able to remain in the States to work in the GBFM home office as Tom Julien's secretary, assisting in the transition of leadership of the mission. I am, however, looking forward to resuming my ministry in France once again when I return in August.

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Colonel John Schumacher

by Raeann Hart

A Vietnam veteran, pastor, counselor, chaplain, loving husband, fantastic father, "fanatical" fisherman, and faithful friend -- these words only begin to describe Colonel John W. Schumacher. Who is this Grace Brethren pastor who has become the Senior Chaplain in Alaska?



The Colonel is stationed in Ft. Richardson which is located on the north edge of Fairbanks. To reach his next post, Ft. Wainwright, which is outside Fairbanks, he must fly nearly 400 miles to the northeast over the Alaskan range of mountains. Ft. Greely is 100 miles to the east of Ft. Wainwright. There are 20 Chaplains working with Colonel Schumacher to

serve these three posts with a military population of between nine and ten thousand soldiers and a total population (including the families) of nearly twenty-thousand.

In the Army, there is one Chaplain who is a two-star General and one who is a one-star General. These are the only two positions above the rank of Colonel for a Chaplain. Colonel Schumacher is also one of the few Chaplains who have been asked to attend the Army War College.

As the Senior Chaplain, Colonel Schumacher is the one who is ultimately responsible for what happens in the religious aspects on all three posts. He supervises the Chaplains, makes assignments, oversees a budget of nearly \$400,000 and plans several programs including the National Prayer Breakfast and the Martin Luther King Celebration on all three posts. The Colonel is also the point of contact for the Pentagon in Washington for all the Chaplain activities in these three posts in Alaska. Pastor Schumacher is on the staff of the Commanding General to serve as his advisor on matters pertaining to religious programs.

Because first and foremost, he is a pastor, the Colonel also counsels the people who want to see him. Staff members and other chaplains look to him for encouragement. Twenty-one enlisted people, as well as the twenty chaplains they work for, also fall under Colonel Schumacher's supervision. Though another man is the pastor at Ft. Richard-

son, Pastor Schumacher also preaches occasionally, and his wife, Martha, plays the organ for the services.

In addition to his responsibilities within the military, Colonel Schumacher represents the Chaplains in civic organizations. He has helped with United Way campaigns to evaluate the United Way charities and worked on the the committee to help plan both the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. He has served as a military representative in city-wide religious events and is on the board of the Salvation Army.

Right next to Ft. Richardson is Elmendorf Air Force Base and the Colonel maintains close ties with the Chaplains who are located there as they share many of the same interests and concerns.

The Colonel is also involved with Brethren Pastors in Alaska. There are nine active and one retired Brethren pastors in Alaska and the Colonel takes part in their district conference, attends ministerium meetings when he is able and speaks in their churches.

His busy schedule must help him get through the long, dark winters. "I have enough things that I like to do that I don't ever get bored," Pastor Schumacher admits. "I cherish the time I get to myself, the times I can get away from the pressure are very special."

One of the ways Colonel Schumacher relaxes is to take advantage of the resources offered in Alaska. An avid hunter and fisherman, he has a freezer full of salmon and caribou. He estimates that he has caught between four and five hundred pounds of salmon in the past year and a half. There are five types of salmon in Alaska and Pastor Schumacher has caught every kind. After killing a huge caribou last November, he also had the rack mounted. He only mounted the rack because the head would be too large to fit in the average home. He has not gotten a black bear yet, but was with a hunting party when they got three moose. Pastor Schumacher is such a dedicated fisherman that he has driven for 250 miles one way to fish in the dangerous and remote Copper River. His drive was rewarded with a catch of 16 salmon. Colonel Schumacher admits he is, "not an avid fisherman, but an absolute fanatic!"

Colonel Schumacher shares his concerns for the soldiers who are stationed in Alaska. "The stresses of living in Alaska -- the remoteness, the darkness in the winter, the isolation that these families have



This photo shows Colonel Schumacher with the two Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants in Fort Greely, Alaska. "This crew of guys is very special to me," the Colonel shares. "They are from a small, very remote post which is 100 miles further into the interior from Fairbanks. They do a phenomenal job." The Colonel flies over the mountains at least once a month to visit Ft. Greely.

to endure really tears apart homes and marriages that are not really strong. Alaska will either make a marriage stronger or 'finish off' a bad marriage. Soldiers living in Alaska have a very high rate of 'ERD', which means 'Early Return of Dependents'. This happens when the family cannot adjust to the Alaskan environment and the soldier elects to send his family home early."

In the Alaskan interior, there are only four hours of daylight each day beginning around the twenty-first of December. What is significant is that if it is a cloudy day the sun is at the horizon and those living there may feel as if they have not had a day at all. On the longest days it does not get dark. It may become dusk, but you can drive a car all night without using your headlights. There is almost as much light at two a.m. as there is at noon.

The remoteness is even more difficult than the darkness, because along with the darkness comes the extreme cold. The wives especially feel the impact of this as they must put on several layers of clothing just to go to the commissary to get their groceries. Colonel Schumacher states, "I don't want to over exaggerate the harshness of this, but people do not understand the special stresses of Alaska. We are as far away from our families as people who are in Europe, but are more isolated because in the winter you do not travel in Alaska."

For nearly seven months of the year, people living in Anchorage and Fairbanks are limited to the boundaries of their cities. People stay right in their communities and the big event of the week is to go downtown to shop.

The military tries to make as much available as possible and the cities do also by sponsoring unique Alaskan events such as dog sled races and a full-fledged carnival in February called a Fur Rendezvous.

Though the winter weather may not be any more severe than the northern part of the United States, it seems to last forever. Winter begins in mid-October and continues until after Easter. Springtime seems especially difficult, because Spring weather never seems to come.

Colonel Schumacher recalls his first Easter in Alaska. He attended a sunrise service on the first Sunday in April and the temperature was 6 degrees below zero.

"The highest incidence of family violence, suicide and depression happens between February and the end of April," says the Colonel, "which is why they plan a winter carnival, to help beat the doldrums."

Pastor Schumacher and his wife are both very musical and enjoy performing together. They recently performed at a Sweetheart Banquet for

the Air Force. Mrs. Schumacher played while Pastor Schumacher sang and they both spoke, giving their testimonies. They have been married for thirty years and have spent twenty-three of those years in the military with twelve different assignments, living in seventeen different sets of civilian or military quarters. That their marriage has wonderfully survived the turbulence of moving and the military is a tribute to both of them and the Lord they serve. Pastor Schumacher says his wife, Martha is "about as perfect a woman as I have ever known."

The Schumachers have four children. Their oldest daughter Laurie is married to Grace Brethren pastor Lewis Huesmann and they are beginning a church in Connecticut. Daughter Julie is a student at Grace Seminary and is working as a secretary to Don Ogden in the Grace Schools Alumni Office. Sons, John, 17, and Eric, 15, still live with their parents in Anchorage and attend high school. John is Korean and was adopted when he was 8½ months old. After John was adopted, the Schumachers went to Korea for two years. "The Koreans didn't know what to think," Pastor recalls. "They don't even adopt their own. In their culture if you have no heritage or roots you are a 'non-person.' Orphans have no future. So it was very meaningful for us to have John."

Being in the military can be a "crisis point" that can either bring a person closer to the Lord or drive them further away. This is one of the reasons the Chaplaincy program is so vital. Colonel Schumacher shared his views, "The sad thing about it is that during peacetime the Chaplaincy takes a lower posture and there are people who don't think it is necessary. As soon as one shot is fired, the Chaplaincy becomes very, very popular again. Sometimes the more glamorous side of the military is all we think about. We imagine the uniforms, comfortable bases with nice facilities, expensive equipment and fairly livable salaries. We forget about the young kids out on ships in the Persian Gulf, or someone along the DMZ in Korea or in the Philippines or isolated in Europe or Alaska, away from family, trying to survive, trying to serve."

"In the army there are some comfortable jobs, but there are also some very uncomfortable jobs. Kids are living in the mud and the snow and the ice. It's not because we are super boy scouts. It is because if something goes wrong, these kids are going to go out and probably die in defense of our nation. It's not until war really becomes an issue that the military man is appreciated."

"Of course, Vietnam didn't help us any. The anti-war movement, rather than attacking whatever these people envisioned the issue to be, as to the rightness or wrongness of Vietnam, the soldier became a part of that and came home in disgrace. There are Vietnam Vets who are still paying a price for that."



Colonel John W. Schumacher

Colonel Shumacher does not understand the current rage for movies and television shows that relive the horrors of Vietnam, "It is a very intense emotional thing. The average American has no concept of the price these kids have paid and are still paying for Vietnam. When I was there in 1966, I heard no complaining and saw no bitterness or drug use. When I returned in 1969, I was shocked at the bitterness and the level of drug involvement. It had changed, not because of the war, but because of the media and the attitude back home. The media exaggerated the ugly things and ignored the good. There were units that spent millions of hours at orphanages and building churches and orphanages in their free time. The Americans at home never heard about any of that. My objection to current movies is that they just show the ugly parts, not the real thing. The Vietnam Vet feels betrayed. Leadership sent them, then betrayed them and left them there to die."

"Many vets face multi-faceted guilt. 'Why did I survive when my buddie didn't?' Some feel they were part of something labeled 'wrong'. Others regretted leaving or neglecting their families or their involvement in combat or the effects of the war on the civilians or the children they left behind."

"As a pastor and counselor, I can see no stress gets better by holding on to it. I really think it needs to be dealt with by someone who was there

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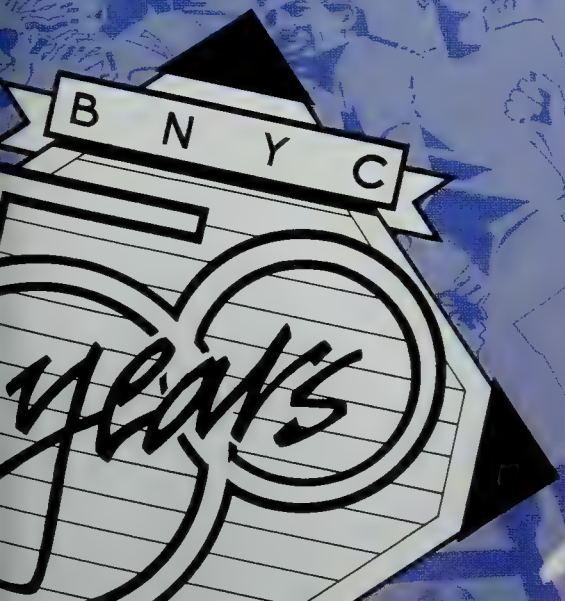
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IMAGE

And the 80's

by Robert S. Welch

A subtle force that's seducing the family

• *The song accompanying the TV commercial was touting a food product as a return to "home cookin'." And, pray tell what was this new form of home cookin'?* A TV dinner.

• *The trendy sociologist in a talk, was alluding to what she called "non-monogamous" marriage. Hmmm. What might she be referring to? In a word, adultery.*

• *The seminar leader was telling audience members how they could find success in the workplace. Her profound advice? "Natural fibers," she said. "You are what you wear."*

As we usher in 1988 and the homestretch of the 80's, the decade has established an identity all its own. If the '60s represented the "revolutionary" decade and the '70s the "me" decade, then the '80s may well be the "image over substance" decade.

This is the age of pomp over pithiness, charisma over content, style over substance. This is a time when *who we are* has become less important than *who people think we are*; when euphemistic phrases can seemingly turn wrongs into rights; and when politicians are often judged more on their charisma than on their convictions.

Bluntly, what you see in the '80s ain't always what you get. From the triviality of TV dinners to the seriousness of cheating on a spouse, the world is selling beautifully packaged lies -- and many of us are reaching for our wallets. What's worse, we are starting to wrap ourselves in those same beautiful packages and forgetting it's the content that counts.

How does this trend affect the family? Though subtle, it's devastating. For society's insidious obsession with image triggers two things: **First, it muddles the Christian value system with Madison Avenue murk.** We sub-consciously substitute real virtues such as honesty, humility

and kindness with cosmetic replacements like designer clothes, bigger house and the "perfect" body. Our teenage kids get caught in the whirlwind to conform at all costs. Mothers at home question their worth because they don't fit the briefcase-toting image of success.

Second, it forces us to focus on ourselves when the success of families depends on focusing on others. We spend more time trying to keep up with the Joneses than we do nurturing our own families. Self-pride, not other people, becomes paramount.

Though the media have added fuel to the style-over-substance syndrome the past few decades, the phenomenon is really nothing new. In biblical times, for example, the Pharisees were champions at exuding the image that they were pure and holy. In fact, they were merely robe-clad forerunners of the dress-for-success movement -- people whose outer appearance didn't necessarily reflect their inner selves.

Today, we're more creative in our approach. Were the Pharisees alive today, they could go to professional image consultants. These businesses are like Pronto Prints for human beings, purportedly changing people from nothing into something with overnight service and money-back guarantees.

Meanwhile, as image becomes more important, what that image hides becomes more irrelevant. In 1985, a convicted rapist in Washington state was objecting to a book written about him, saying it "made me out to be some sort of failure. How could he (the author) say that? I had five \$400 suits; I had a \$600 watch; I drove a Toronado." For this rapist, his image had superseded his actions and become like some all-purpose cleaner that wiped away even the toughest grime.

And why not? Hasn't TV taught us that romance blossoms from a single breath mint? That the right hair conditioner is a prescription for popularity?

And that we should buy a particular brand of pills because, while the actor touting them isn't a real doctor, "I play one on TV?"

Lest you think we don't fall for such rubbish, consider this: In the first five years of "Marcus Welby," more than 250,000 people wrote letters asking Robert Young, the star of the show, for medical advice. We've become so anesthetized by image that it's becoming more difficult to choose the real from the fake, the right from the wrong, the good from the bad.

Insignificant as it might seem, the home cookin' commercial is a perfect example of this blurring of reality. The image is a homespun meal. Huge helpings. Fresh-from-the-garden vegetables. The kind of dinner Mom used to make on the farm. But the image is more than a distortion of reality; it is a 180-degree lie.

What used to be "chastity" is now "neurotic inhibitions." What used to be "self-indulgence" is now "self-fulfillment." What used to be "killing an unborn baby" is now "choice."

In fact, the food was thrown together on a conveyor belt by people who probably live 2,000 miles away and don't know you from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar -- either that or by a computerized machine. At any rate you get small portions. And you eat those minuscule morsels weeks after they've been sitting in a supermarket freezer.

But here's the catch: The ad executives would not be using the home-cookin' image unless they knew we were gullible enough to fall for it. And we are. Is it any surprise, then, that many of us also buy into such deceptions as no-harm divorce, money-equals-happiness, and quality time (instead of quantity time) with our children?

The style-over-substance syndrome may be a subtle force in our culture, but it's more widespread than many might think. Beyond the media, here are some of the more obvious ways it is reflected in our lives:

What we buy. In the last few years, yuppies have magnified a life-style that's been around forever. It involves purchasing items to remind themselves -- and others -- how successful they are. The idea is not to seek the roots of contentment. The idea is to let the leaves of luxury glisten as a validation of their worth. Some take it to extremes: The latest image-booster comes from businessmen who equip their cars with fake cellular phones, a humorous, but sad, commentary on the power of image.

How we look. Two million young women

suffering from anorexia nervosa or bulimia can't be wrong; in this country, we place an obsessively high priority on how we look. Studies, including one reported in *Psychology Today*, show that academic grades are influenced by the student's attractiveness. We rarely elect unattractive politicians; in fact, a University of California study released in 1987 said that flat cheekbones, angular jaws and eyes rounded at the top can mean 5 to 10 percent more votes. Women are having cosmetic surgery done at record levels -- "It's almost a status symbol," claims a California image company. And 20 percent more males had cosmetic surgery in the first half of 1987 than in the previous year altogether.

What we wear. "Sixty-five percent of someone's evaluation of you is based on your clothing," a dress-for-success leader recently reminded a Seattle audience. "Clothes are tools to get what you want."

The language we use. The sociologist who uses the "non-monogamous" term says she does so because it carries no connotation of good or evil. Other examples of euphemistic smoke-screens abound: What used to be "living in sin" is now a "meaningful relationship." What used to be "chastity" is now "neurotic inhibitions." What used to be "self-indulgence" is now "self-fulfillment." What used to be "killing an unborn baby" is now "choice."

Such pre-sweetened phrases represent the foundation of the image-over-substance philosophy: Don't change your ways. Don't change your heart. And, above all, don't feel guilty. Instead, simply change the image of your action.

So, as those seeking to preserve the family, how do we combat the image-idolizing 80's?

First, and most importantly, by finding a role model to pattern our lives after. We need look no further than Christ Himself, the ultimate example of a man of substance, not image. He didn't have a degree from a prestigious university. He simply did what He knew was right, obeying His Father, sacrificing for others, downplaying Himself. He was open. He was honest. He was holy. His virtue was reflected in how He lived. And so, then, should ours.

Second, we need to see people, products and practices for what they really are -- not for what they might appear to be. For example, Sydney Biddle Barrows recently wrote a book, *Mayflower Madam*, about an expensive, high-class prostitution service she ran in New York. On a press tour, she championed herself as an elite entrepreneur, a highly cultured woman of quality. To its credit one newspaper cut through the retouched reality to the grainy truth. "She's a pimp," the newspaper editorialized.

In the same vein, we must realize that, when it comes to buying pills it's absurd to follow the

recommendation of a soap opera star who plays a doctor on TV. Such reasoning is as ridiculous as buying a dictionary on the endorsement of Vanna White.

Likewise, you can call cheating on your husband or wife "non-monogamy" if you wish. But that doesn't change what it is -- anymore than calling your 75-mph speeding habit "stress ventilation" changes what it is.

But seeing through images works in another way. Besides exposing wrongs wrapped in rights, it also helps us to see positives packaged in negatives. Even in the supposedly enlightened '80s, we still embrace -- though we hate to admit it -- well-worn stereotypes that the disabled aren't whole; that minorities are inferior; that the elderly are dispensable; that overweight people are losers and that singles are incomplete. Isn't it time we stripped away such images and saw the truth for ourselves? Isn't it time we grounded ourselves in God's Word so, as John 8:32 says, we can know the truth, and the truth shall make us free?

Finally, we need to be authentic, transparent people ourselves. The image game conforms us to the world and cheapens us as people of God. Proverbs 21:2 says, *"Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts."* Physically, David seemed the least likely of Jesse's sons to be chosen as a king, but God looked beyond the physical image to the person behind it.

It's often during crises -- such as a funeral of a loved one -- that we feel closest to one another. Why? Because we take off the masks of invincibility and share our true selves. Only when we get beyond images are we free to practice Philippians 2:3 and *with humility of mind, let each of us regard one another as more important than ourselves.*

As children of God, we have value -- too much value to package ourselves as if we were merely products on a shelf. What really matters are our values -- and how we defend them.

We turn to images for acceptance, for validation that we're worthy. But God has already validated our worth. And no amount of dynamic "self-presentation" can change the real us any more than a paint job can fix a car needing an engine overhaul. Such changes come only from the heart. And, unlike the claims of image consultants, they don't happen in a weekend seminar. They take a lifetime of commitment to God.

Thankfully, Madison Avenue and its shallow dress-for-success mentality is wrong. It doesn't

matter what label is stitched on our jeans, whether our car has a cellular phone or if we're members of an exclusive country club. As children of God, we have value -- too much value to package ourselves as if we were merely products on a shelf. What really matters are our values -- and how we defend them.

As the '80s come to a close, we need to take a hard look at how images are altering those values, often at the expense of the family. My 5-year-old son is at a stage where television confuses him. He's not sure what's acting and what's not. He sees a situation comedy or a football game and asks, "Is this real?"

Like children, we need to ask that question often. If we don't, our families risk missing the abundant life God promised. And we'll risk going through life eating TV dinners -- only to discover too late that we could have had real home cookin'.

Robert S. Welch is a columnist for the Journal American newspaper in Bellevue, Washington.

Colonel John Schumacher

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and understands. It is important to talk with a counselor who was there or get together with a group of guys who meet together to share their experiences. I think it is very important to get it out and not keep it inside to eat on a guy.

"In a battle situation you realize that faith, communion, prayer and love are what really count. That is when you realize the importance of your eternal salvation."

Pastor Schumacher shares, "The Chaplaincy is important because you need to live the life of the military to understand it. Military men may attend civilian services, but the chaplains really understand the challenges and stresses the military families face. I am awed that we can live in a country that acknowledges the need for a chaplaincy.

"It is a phenomenal challenge to be a tent maker like Paul. As Christians, we must live with people, support them and help them bear their burdens. We need to establish credibility so they will come to us when they have needs. We need to be there when the doors fly open and then we have the opportunity to share our faith."

Pastor John and Martha Schumacher have spent their lives establishing credibility and supporting others to gain the priceless opportunities to share Christ with others. The Lord is richly blessing their efforts in the mission field in Alaska.

Two of the inscriptions on the back of the photo given to Colonel Schumacher which appears on page 17 indicate the effectiveness of his ministry. These two men wrote, "God bless you for all the care you give to all of us," and "God Bless You Sir!"

ARGENTINA:

A People Uprooted by Fear, United by Despair

Argentina, whose main language is Spanish, is South America's second largest country. Her greatest resources are her fertile farmlands and industries. Her citizens, many of whom fled war-torn nations to Argentina hoping to find refuge from the horrors of war, are predominantly European.

Sadly, there is not sufficient patriotism to unite Argentina's varied people and the loss of the Falkland Island War to Great Britain took away the security of thinking that Argentina would never be involved in war. The main thing that unites the people now is a growing frustration and despair for their economic futures. Yet, perhaps that frustration is the reason the door is opening wider for the gospel in Argentina.

Barriers to evangelism in the past are breaking down. Roman Catholicism, the state religion, is losing respect due to its known corruptions and blatant silences during crucial times.

Many Argentines are beginning to question the traditional values that Argentines have held for so long. Family structures, once so strong, are beginning to weaken. With the institution of a democratic government in 1983, there came freedom, materialism, wider exposure and use of pornography on television, and the increase of drugs among the young. The majority believe in God, but growing numbers aren't sure where to find Him.

For all these reasons, the charismatic movement and the cults are growing rapidly among these confused people. Now is the time as never before to reach them with the saving hope of Jesus Christ.



GBFM Team in Argentina

The goal of the GBFM missionary team in Argentina can be summed up in three E's:

Evanglizing the lost.

Equipping believers with the Word of God and helping them to establish indigenous churches through discipleship, Bible studies, and Bible Institute courses.

Expanding the present ministry borders to new areas and people.

Steve and Wilma Bailey (will be moving to Argentina when language studies are completed in May) 2129 Heron Ave., McAllen, Texas 78501.

Dave and Sue Guiles (will be moving to Argentina when language studies are completed in May) N. 22nd Lane, McAllen, Texas 78501.

Lynn and Mary Hoyt (presently on extended home ministries) P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Stan and Betty Nairn, J.V. Gonzalez 2218, 1879 Quilmes Oeste, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America.

Alice Peacock (presently on home ministries) P.O. Box 588 Winona Lake, IN 46590.

It All began With A Plan

Argentina, our oldest active mission field, was opened in 1909 when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yoder and Bertha Bell entered the interior city of Rio Cuarto. Since that time 60 missionaries have been

involved in planting 15 Grace Brethren churches in three locations: Cordoba, a famous resort and agricultural city at the foothills of the southern Andes mountains; Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital and most populous city (40 percent of the population lives here); and Rosario, a port city from which grain is sent around the world.





Alice Peacock

Tea For More Than Two

When Betty Nairn and Alice Peacock meet with neighbors and friends on Tuesday afternoons, it isn't just to sip mate, Argentina's distinctly different tasting tea; it is to evangelize.



to gain their trust by opening our homes and our lives to them. The afternoons began with crafts, then we had tea and Bible study. As their interest grew in the Word, we gave them more of it."

Says Alice, "When we began the Bible study, many ladies refused to come because of a prejudice against evangelistic churches, so we thought of a creative way

A Baby Born in the Streets



Stan Nairn Family

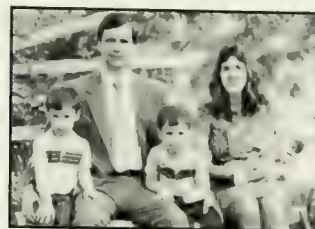
Stan Nairn gave birth to a baby on the streets of Quilmes Oeste, Argentina last April. He calls it "Youth Work."

"We realize our churches were filled with older people and there were no ministries for ages 11-22, so we went out into the parks and shared the gospel with youth on their own turf. The relationships blossomed into discipleship and became bridges into the church. Today approximately 25 young people meet every Saturday afternoon for Bible study, testimonies, and singing."

Birds of A Feather

"Flocking together" is just what Dave and Sue Guiles and Steve and Wilma Bailey plan to do when they complete language school in McAllen, Texas and move to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital and largest city.

They will start by making contacts and then form flock groups, small discipleship groups and Bible studies, which will eventually be combined to become a new Grace Brethren church.



Dave and Sue Guiles



Steve and Wilma Bailey

Hoyt's Motto

"From Us to Argentina and Together to the World" is Lynn and Mary Hoyt's motto. Lynn, who was born and raised in Argentina, is a second generation GBFM missionary. He is responsible for the decentralized Bible Institute program in Rio Cuarto and Rosario.



Says Lynn, "We hope to implement a curriculum in the Bible Institute which will enable students to graduate with a certificate of Pastoral Studies." Recently, he has been teaching the Doctrine of Christ and the Holy Spirit, and Counseling.

ARGENTINA

Area: 1.1 million square miles

Population: 30,600,000

Cities: Buenos Aires (the capital city), 11,400,000; Cordoba, 1,140,000; Rosario, 1,000,000

Language: Spanish

Economy: Agriculture and industry. There has been a continuous problem of inflation. At one time it reached 1000%.

Literacy: 93%

Religion: 86.5% Roman Catholic

Foreign Mission News

New Target For The Steeles



After four years of living and reaching out to neighbors in an area of Solihull, England, the Steeles recently moved to a new area where most of the people have been living for less than a year. Their plans are to meet new neighbors, who are themselves reaching out to make friends, and share with them the gospel. Their new address is: 11 Sevington Close, Solihull, B91 3X1 England.

A Milestone in Brazil

A milestone was reached in Brazil January 14-17 when the 28th National Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren churches was held. For the first time, all speakers and featured preachers were Brazilians. No American missionaries spoke.

What Do the French Think About God?

"That God created man or that man created God means the same thing. It's nothing to argue about." The author of an article, "Dieu existe-t-il?" (Does God exist?) in *Evenement*, a weekly French magazine came to this conclusion after conducting a survey about beliefs of the French. The surprising results: 66 percent believe in the existence of God or a Supreme Being, but only 16 percent "practice" their religion (going to Mass at least once a month); 43 percent believe in the Immaculate Conception of Mary; 51 percent accept abortion; only 37 percent believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

New Worship Facilities

The GBC in Aalen, West Germany officially celebrated the acquisition of their new worship facilities recently with a morning worship service and an afternoon open house for neighbors, friends, and acquaintances. It was an opportunity for missionaries Edna Haak and John and Becky Pappas, to share some of the historical background of the Grace Brethren Church and the specific, present-day goals and



Edna Haak



John and Becky Pappas and Family

work of the congregation in Aalen. As a result of the open house, a local newspaper reporter published an article. Perhaps God is breaking down barriers of reserve and distrust and drawing people to a saving knowledge of Himself!

They Have Decided To Include God

Legislators in Brazil have been revising the country's Constitution for over a year. One hotly-debated issue on the agenda was whether to include the word "God" in the Constitution. The Communist Party was lobbying heavily to exclude it, but apparently they were a minority because "God" will appear in the new Constitution.

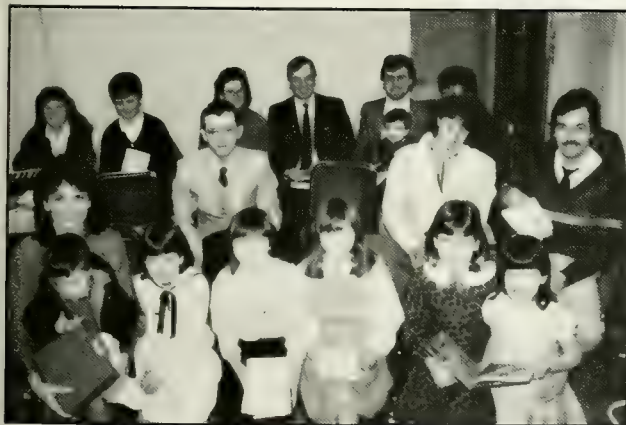
The First of Many

Gouete Francois, a recent graduate of Brethren Biblical Seminary and one of two pastors who are overseeing the ministry of five chapels among the Pygmy people in the Central African Republic, baptized 45 of the first converts on February 8. The average attendance for the largest of the five chapels is 120 and 55 for the smaller chapels.



Birth Announcement

The Kowalke family has the privilege of announcing a long-anticipated birth! No, not an addition to their four children, but a birth of another kind!



Name: Grace Church, Sutton Coldfield
Weight: (approx.) 11 adults, 8 children
Birthdate: 3 January, 1988

Says Dave, "The first couple began to study the Bible with us in February, 1987. As others began to show the same interest and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, we started a monthly discussion group (Issues and Answers) in June, 1987 and then a small Bible study (Grace Bible Fellowship) in September, 1987. As a systematic and necessary next step, services began on January 3, 1988. It has been a process filled with much struggle and efforts, but by the grace of God, we have seen fruit for our labors, which have been united with your prayers and the birth has taken place!"

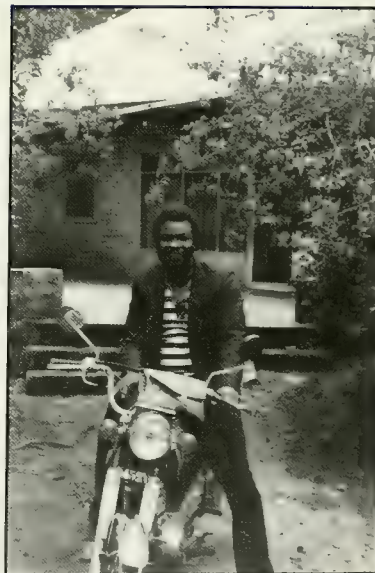
Joining the Team in Spain



Penny Schroeder, a member of the Northwood Chapel Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio recently joined the Europe team when she began serving in Spain with the TIME program (Training in Missionary Endeavor).

Landslide Election

Namsene Elie, director of the James Gribble High School for African youths, was recently elected president of the Union of African Churches. He will be responsible for the operational unity of the African Brethren church which is impressively large in membership, but is just beginning to discover its ability to accomplish much through teamwork. Pray for wisdom and strength for Namsene as he assumes this awesome responsibility while continuing to direct the High School.



Significant Contribution

For the first time in GBFM history, one church has exceeded \$200,000 in gifts during a single year. Congratulations and many thanks to the people of Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, OH, who supported their missionaries with an offering

Getting Hooked on Evangelism

by Carolyn Kerr

It's fun. It's addictive. And somebody should have warned me before I got hooked.

On a recent trip to a Christian bookstore, I found 26 books about evangelism, most of them excellent. They expounded the theology of evangelism and told me in detail how to answer arguments, get my spiritual life in order and develop a consistent and loving lifestyle. One thing they didn't mention was that evangelism was fun.

Perhaps "fun" isn't the right word. It would be more accurate to say "joy." But the word "joy" has been so overworked in Christian circles that I am afraid it doesn't communicate the sense of enjoyment I'm talking about.

I first discovered the pleasure of evangelism when I was only a few months old as a Christian and attending college. I had developed the habit of wandering up to the chemistry labs when I was feeling blue to chat with some of the non-Christian inhabitants.

I didn't know anything about witnessing, and hadn't studied any books on answering questions. I just said what came into my mind, and often I learned as much as did the people with whom I was talking.

Later I found out that my arguments were the standard answers to common questions, and that my knowing what to say was a sign that the Holy Spirit was working. But all I knew then was that I came out of those sessions refreshed.

Eventually, a couple of people received Christ as a bonus. But at the time I was just doing it to cheer myself up.

Taking on the "harder" cases

A few years later, my husband, Edwin, and I discovered that God would let us work together to hold some of the tools as God did the work in the lives of some of our neighbors and friends.

Sharing Christ is so much fun, the Kerrs do it full time.

As we became more experienced and dared to take on "harder" cases, we became more and more amazed at what the Lord would do through the simple presentation of the Gospel. Because we really were doing so little and the effects were so great, we knew that God himself was working. Through ordinary people.

That brought us so much joy we wanted to do it all the time, not just lunch hours, evenings and weekends. We were hooked.

Soon, like the man in the parable, we "bought the whole field for joy." We took on the challenge of missionary work with students and professional people in Costa Rica. For fun.

Joy is not an unspiritual motive. Jesus endured the cross

because of anticipated joy, though that experience was certainly not "fun."

Saying evangelism is fun doesn't mean I necessarily feel like doing it when the time comes. For example, Edwin and I were sick with food poisoning picked up at a questionable restaurant, when a Costa Rican friend called to say she was bringing over a lady who had just tried to kill her husband.

We said, "please don't come." But they came anyway. It took a long time for the woman, who had been a practicing medium, to come to the Lord. But when they finally left in the wee hours of the morning, we suddenly realized that we had been healed as well as she.

People don't need help when it is convenient. They come when I'm hosting 16 people to a sit-down dinner in an hour, or when I've been to six meetings already that day and am all "peopled-out."

It's better that way. St. Paul noted that when he was weak, then he was strong. When I'm in no shape to help anybody then it is obviously God who does the work.

Even when I'm afraid to speak up, evangelizing is often enjoyable. A woman in one of my Bible studies once invited me for coffee, explaining that her husband did not approve of Bible study and wanted to meet me.

The husband was hostile enough and very vocal. As he went on about the evils of

evangelicals in general and of Bible studies in particular, I remained silent and prayed for guidance.

Suddenly I heard a sentence I could agree with, and told him how right he was. Minutes later I was able to do it again, and I had the strange feeling that I was fishing, playing with a very active marlin on the line.

I practically felt like laughing out loud when the man had agreed to every major point in my standard presentation of the Gospel and when he told his wife to attend the group because it would be good for her.

He didn't think it would be good for himself, and finally snapped the line and "got away." Still, he gave his wife no more trouble.

That evangelism is so enjoyable seems due to the fact that God does the work. When God chooses to do something special for someone I've witnessed to, even when I'm not around, it is better yet.

One example is the very depressed Costa Rican woman who regularly came to a Bible study I was leading. People are often attracted to the Gospel because they know they need help. But this lady questioned if it would ever be possible for her to have joy and peace in her life.

Thinking about this one night, the woman noticed a withered house plant she had been meaning to throw away. Aloud she said to herself that it would be as difficult for her to have a new life as for that dried-up plant to bloom again.

The next morning the plant had a flower on it. And that afternoon she turned herself in to Jesus. It was hard to say who was happier -- me, the woman or the angels in heaven.

Go ahead and read the books on evangelism. Try it. But let me warn you. You might like it. There are no 12-step programs to get you over this addiction. You might end up wanting to do it full time. ■

After years of fruitful ministry in Costa Rica, LAM missionaries Edwin and Carolyn Kerr moved to California, where Carolyn is nearing completion of a Ph.D. in counseling at Fuller Theological Seminary. The Kerrs plan to return to Latin America following Carolyn's studies.

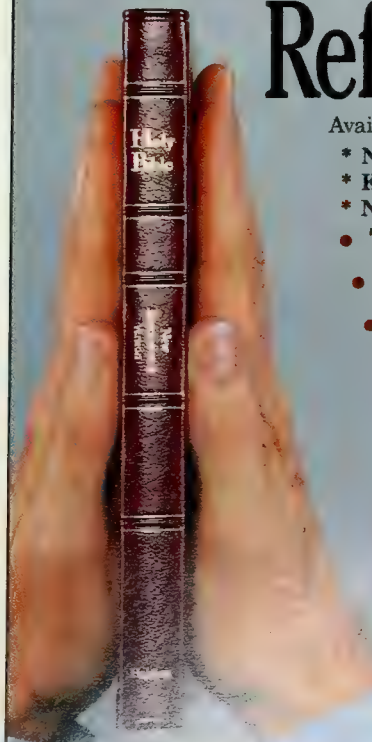
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International Day With God

The moderator of the National Fellowship, Dean Fetterhoff, reminds us of the International Day of Prayer on May 15th.

Foreign missionaries as well as the churches in the United States are joining together to pray. They will be remembering National Conference, the local churches, national boards, the nation, personal needs and the renewing and reviving of the church. Make a special effort to be involved. Formal groups will meet but make a special effort as an individual to observe the day.

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MARRIAGES

BOLEY: Rona Rosian and Bruce Boley, February 13, 1988, in the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Don Rough, pastor.

DOROFY: Emma Hennessey and Dorsey Dorofey, April 30, 1987, in the Johnstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

DUKERY: Pamela Larison and Brian Dukery, September 12, 1987, in the Johnstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

GINGERICH: Melody Jackson and Galen Gingerich, July 18, 1987, First Grace Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. The father of the bride, Pastor Forrest Jackson, officiated, with the assistance of Dan Grabill. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

KIRBY: Nancy King and Jerry Kirby, December 12, 1987, at the New Albany Grace Brethren Church, New Albany, IN. Davy Troxel, pastor.

MAJO: Meredith Eten and Scott Majo, September 26, 1987, at the Johnstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

RAGER: Patricia Gorman and Eric Rager, July 25, 1987, at the Johnstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Charles Martin, pastor.

VIDMAR: Leila Ann Markley and James Vidmar, October 27, 1987. The father of the bride, Robert Markley, took their vows in the home of his oldest son, Bob, who lives in Worthington, OH.

WALLACE: Sharon Martin and Gregor Wallace, November 28, 1987, at the Johnstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Charles Martin, pastor.

DEATHS

BROWN, VIOLET. 78. February 12,

1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Robert Spicer, pastor.

CASTLE, MRS. MARY. 93. February 10, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

EASTERDAY, RUSSELL. 89. January 29, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

FULL, OKEY. 97. January 15, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, WV. Richard Placeway, pastor.

MARKLEY, BESSIE. 84. January 18, 1988. She was the mother of Robert Markley (pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Vienna, WV) and was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Coolville, OH. George Horner, pastor.

MOORE, MRS. MARY MARGARET. February 8, 1988. She was a member of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Don Rough, pastor.

RUEL, ELTHA. 89. August 7, 1987. She was a member of the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

WOLFE, DON. 80. October 8, 1987. He was a member of the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

ZELLO, MRS. CATHERINE. 66. January 24, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

CHANGE YOUR ANNUAL

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Philip Steele, 11 Sevington Close, Solihull, W. Midlands, B91 3XL, England.

Ernest Usher, 1137 Gale Dr., Norcross, GA 30093.

Mike Wallace, 20 Laurel St., Pine Grove, PA 17963.

Anaheim, CA, 2166 W. Broadway, Apt. 609, Anaheim, CA 92804.

Okeechobee, FL, The new zip for the Grace Brethren Church is 34974.

South Bend, IN, The Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church should be listed with the cooperating churches on page 57.

Palmer, MA, On page 62 of the Grace Brethren Annual, Ludlow is now Palmer, MA.

Stowe, VT, On page 62, the Stowe, VT, listing should be removed.

Silversword Grace Brethren Church of Hawaii, Their address is: c/o Mark Reynon, 47A Nano St., Kahului, HI 96732.

Elyria, OH, The new name of the church is Spring Valley Grace Brethren Church (the word "Community" has been deleted).

NEWS UPDATE

Lancer Basketball Camps, held on the Grace College Campus, Winona Lake, IN, will begin this year on May 29. Boys' camps, each lasting five days, will conclude on July 15 and Girls' camps will run June 19 - July 1.

Boys and girls from grades 4 through 12 are eligible to attend. Cost is \$180 (which includes meals and lodging) and the camps are divided by the student's grade level. Jim Kessler, coach of the Grace Lancers men's basketball team, has directed the camps for the past 11 years.

A free brochure is available which explains the camps. Write, requesting one, to: Jim Kessler, Grace College, 200 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, IN 46590; or phone toll-free: 1-800-845-2930 in Indiana or 1-800-54GRACE outside Indiana.

Dan Travis, formerly pastor of Christian Education at the Grace Fellowship Church in Long Beach, CA has been called to serve as the associate pastor of Christian Education and Youth at the Grace Brethren Church of Wooster, OH. His duties include a ministry to the adults, singles, youth, and children. He assumed his new duties in early March of this year.

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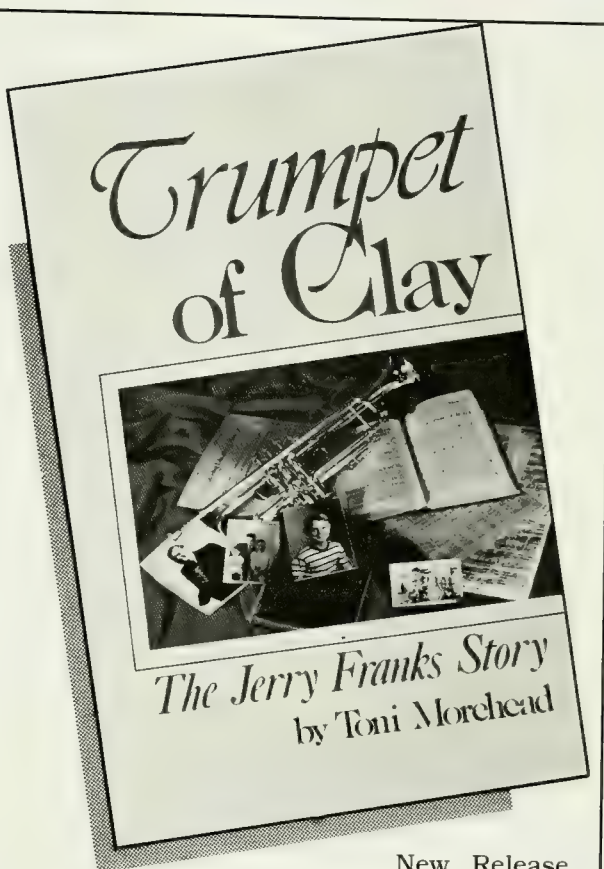
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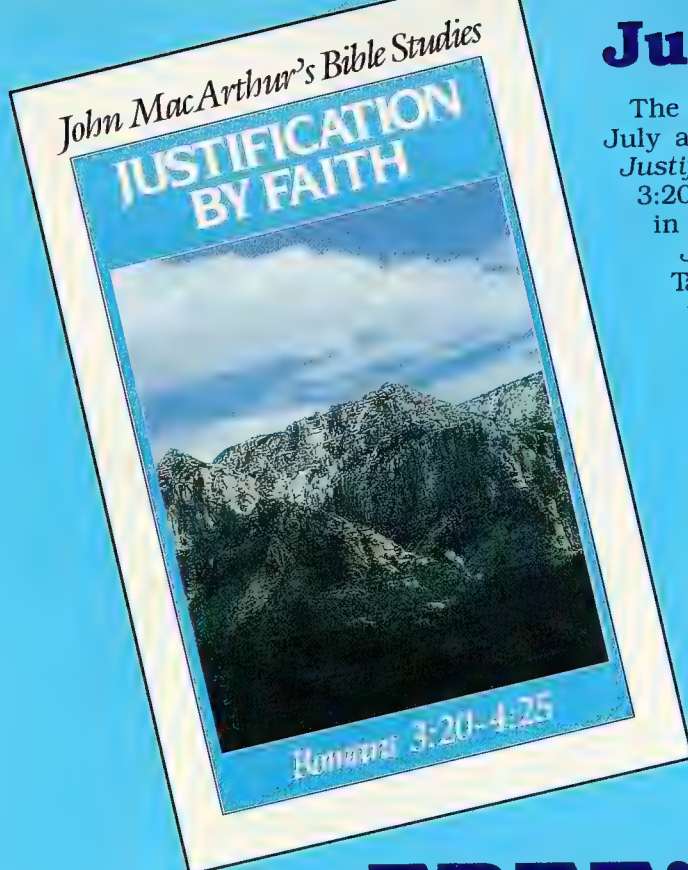
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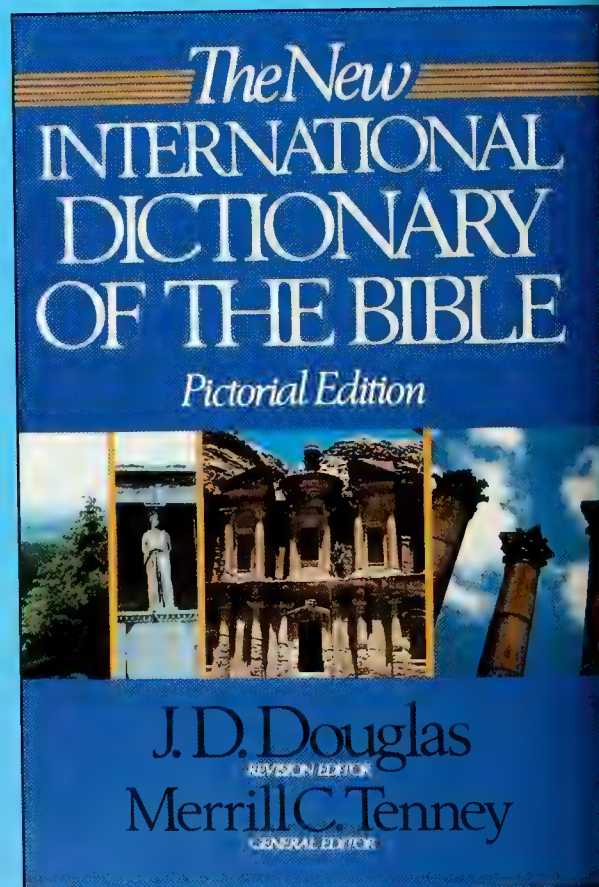
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Numbers, Time, Eternity

by Charles W. Turner

I am certain that numbers are an important part of our lives. I became conscious of numbers at an early age. I think I was in the fifth grade when a teacher brought to my attention the fascination of numbers and how they affect each other. This new knowledge was called multiplication and the teacher used two well-known elements to teach this idea to us. One was a clock with numbers on the outside rim, numbers of her choosing. Then while she stood at the blackboard and we stood waiting, she told us the secret number to place in the middle. The person who could complete the clock the fastest was number 1. We also were learning the rewards of competition, because the winner each time could retain the number 1 spot at the board.

Whether her methods were good or bad, I do not know. What I do know is I learned how to multiply. No fancy new math, just plain thinking. To hold that spot at the top of the class became a challenge. The highlight of each day was the afternoon math class. The spelling session had the same elements of challenge, but not the same degree of excitement.

It is good that I found an interest in numbers, because they have come to play an important part in my life. My telephone number, Social Security number, auto license number, Post Office box number, pay-

check number, my age -- all numbers, and the list could go on, but I shall spare you the length of this recital. People ask me how many children I have and now, how many grandchildren there are!

Life is made up of numbers of days. As a pastor, I wondered how many were in Sunday School and now as a publisher, I check the number of books that are printed. Often I am challenged by persons who say that numbers are not important. I disagree. If numbers are not important, answer these questions: "How many wives do you have?" "How many gods are there?" Yes, numbers are important!

However, numbers can become lost and meaningless when they do not have any relationship to our lives. How about a trillion as a nice round number? Here I lose all contact, because I can not relate. I get lost at a million and a billion is a number without meaning. A trillion is a budget figure for the government this year.

A trillion is something like this: If you had a trillion dollars in a box and started spending a million dollars a day on the day that Christ was born, (Yes, a million a day!) you would still be spending! In fact, you would still have another 750 years before the box would be empty. Even there I cannot relate to time or amounts.

Let me pass from the child-

hood experiences of learning "five times five" to place the element of numbers into a spiritual context. The span of a man's life is three score and ten, so says the Old Testament writer. He is not far off from present data. Then what does it mean to live for an eternity? Here my "five times five" begins to lose meaning again. The numbers are again losing relationship to life, for I cannot grasp an eternity. Yet, the numbers do have importance because we are talking about eternity, which is the span of each and every person's existence.

Life is short, but it is a preparation period for eternity. We are told to "number our days as to give account". We are born a living soul and we die physically. The question is what we do with the number of our days. At the seventy span we get about 25,550 days of physical life (not counting leap years). But we will all have to spend eternity with billions and billions of days and then some. How unwisely we use or abuse our days in this life! What we have done with the truth of salvation in Christ determines these eternal days and where they shall be spent.

Back to the old blackboard with the teacher and the clock. "What is five billion times ten trillion?"

"Teacher, I hold my place at the head of the line. The answer -- ETERNITY!"

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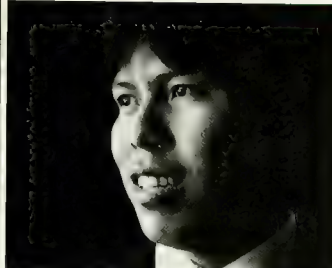
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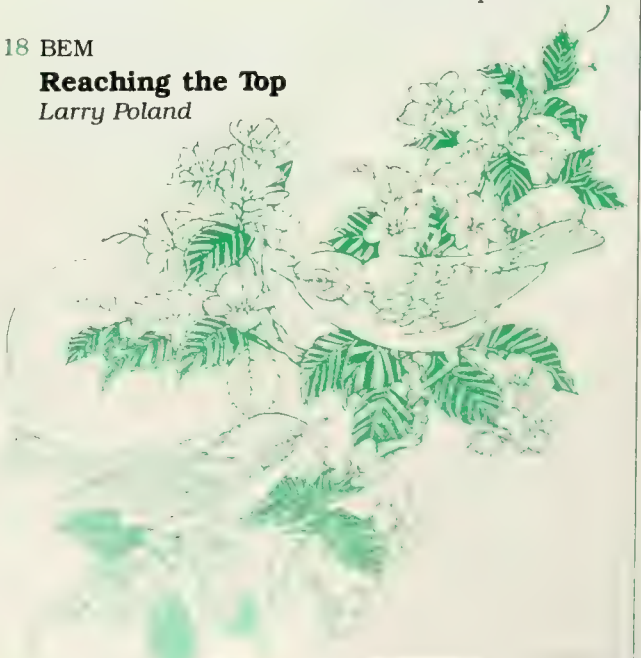
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One generation will
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another;
they will tell of your
mighty acts.
They will speak of the
glorious splendor of your
majesty,
and I will meditate on
your wonderful works.
Psalm 145:3-5 (NIV)**

Let All Things Their Creator Bless

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi, 1182-1126

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
The fruits and flowers that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show,
Oh, praise him, Oh, praise him!
O everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heaven the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord.
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God on the harp.
He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.
He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.
His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of man;
The Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
for he strengthens the bars of your gates
and blesses your people within you.
He grants peace to your borders
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
He sends his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
He spreads the snow like wool
and scatters the frost like ashes.
He hurls down his hail like pebbles.
Who can withstand his icy blast?
He sends his word and melts them;
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.
He has revealed his word to Jacob,
his laws and decrees to Israel.
He has done this for no other nation;
they do not know his laws.
Praise the Lord.

Psalm 147 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, we are in the midst of springtime, when your glorious creation is coming back to life. All creation speaks of the glorious splendor of your majesty. Help us to remember to praise you continually for your greatness. Help us to meditate on your wonderful works.

The world needs to see your peace and joy radiating from our lives, just as we can see your glory in the perfection of a flower, the majesty of the clouds riding the winds. Forgive us when we fall short and give us your strength, through your word to fill us with the love of the world that needs to know that this glorious creation is a gift from you. Lord, we praise you!



Navajo Indians Join Johnstown Family For Thanksgiving

by Margie Fusco

The Botteichers had some family over for the holidays. Their "family members" were two young women -- both Navajo Indians.

Lolita Castillo, 19, and Faye Willetto, 18, used their Thanksgiving break to visit their second family in Johnstown, PA. The young women have grown up with the Botteichers through the Grace Brethren Church's Navajo Mission at Counselor, NM.

Eugene and June Botteicher worked at the Mission from 1976 until 1984, with the exception of one and one-half years. While there, they were visited a few times by Eugene's brother, Emery, and his wife from Pennsylvania.

Lolita and Faye, who attended the mission school, now are freshmen at Grace College, Winona Lake, IN. Learning that the students were facing the holidays alone, the Eugene Botteichers helped them locate a ride to Johnstown.

"They're family to us," June explained.

The students say they have grown up in two cultures, Navajo and white. They were bused 15 miles from their homes, where they spoke only Navajo, to the mission school where they spoke

only English. As they grew up, they watched immense changes in their culture.

Both students were raised in camps, made up of an extended family group. Lolita remembers living with her great-great-grandmother. Faye's camp is the traditional Navajo, based on a woman's family. In Faye's camp there still are hogans, dome-shaped adobe and wood buildings.

"My parents live in the hogan in the winter because it's warmer," Faye said. "They move back into a wood house in the summer."

Both camps received their first electricity a few years ago. Lolita's mother has a washing machine, but neither camp has the luxury of running water.

Water is a precious commodity in the semi-desert region. Located 7,200 feet above sea level, Counselor sees ample snow, but most of the water evaporates or runs off.

Pictured left to right: Eugene Botteicher, Lolita Castillo, June Botteicher, Emery Botteicher, Jean Botteicher and Faye Willetto. (Photo courtesy of the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat.)

The Navajos haul water from the mission or from wells located far from their camps. "Whenever we go anywhere my dad says, 'and bring water,'" Lolita explained.

Because they have no refrigeration, the Navajos rely on canned goods and fresh meat, mostly from their own goat and sheep herds.

Growing up as Christians has been important to the young women. They feel that their religion has helped them to avoid the high incidence of alcoholism, drug use, and teen pregnancies among Navajos. In becoming Christians, however, they sometimes feel caught between two cultures.

"My grandfather was a medicine man," Faye said. "He disowned my father for becoming a Christian. But on his death bed, he accepted God."

Lolita added, "There is a lot of pressure from the other kids." She explained that many teenagers don't believe in the Navajo religion, but consider going to the mission school a denial of the Navajo culture.

The Grace Brethren Navajo Mission, established in 1947, offers education from kindergarten through grade 12. The Botteichers are proud to note that Lolita and Faye are among a dozen Navajo students from the mission who currently are in college or post-graduate school.

College far away from home and their native culture, however, is difficult for the two women.

"The Navajos are quiet people," Emery explained. "They don't show their emotions." As if to bear him out, the girls sit cross-legged on the couch, each hugging a pillow and biting her lips. They speak softly about their plans for the future.

Faye, with a major in business and accounting, hopes to apply her skills to marketing native art. Lolita is studying elementary education, hoping someday to teach at the mission school.

In receiving an education, they have broken out of the centuries-old cycle. Both Faye and Lolita are middle children in large families and would be expected to stay home and raise younger ones.

Like many Navajos, their lives have been centered on family. Lolita admits, "I didn't know there was a life outside of Counselor."

In leaving their families they may have lost some ties to their heritage. Both students have only a passing familiarity with native crafts. They admit they've missed learning the fine points of weaving and intricate bead work.

With the talk of home and family, Faye and Lolita say they've grown homesick. They brighten only when talk turns to traditional Navajo foods. Faye offers a recipe for fried bread and Lolita gestures with her fingers to explain how the dough is worked until paper thin.

When June suggests they make bread together, Lolita's face shines. "Yes," she said, flinging the pillow aside. "Yes. Yes."

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Love in Action

by Gary Hable

In November, 1986, my wife, Marie, and I met with 12 people near Escanaba, MI who were contemplating beginning a Grace Brethren Church. As we talked with them, we caught their vision and felt that the Lord wanted us to help them start the church.

However, one obstacle loomed before us. There would be no financial support and there were no promises for the future. We would have to move to this community in the upper peninsula of Michigan from our home in north central Ohio -- some 475 miles. We would also have to find employment once we arrived.

From the day we started to pack the moving truck, there has been one demonstration of love after another. With the help of friends from the Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Walbridge, OH, the church which had commissioned us, we arrived in Escanaba on January 19. Upon arrival, we were greeted with a home cooked venison dinner.

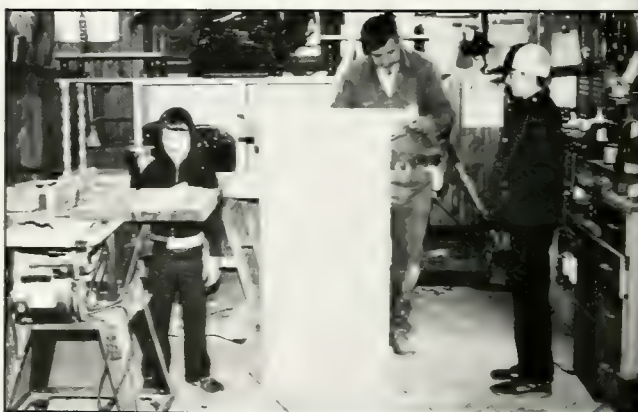


When Denny and Jimmy Wellman installed the stove in the Hable's kitchen, it meant the new Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church could begin having pot-luck dinners after church!

Because of the distance, it had been impossible for us to find housing before our arrival. Denny Wellman came to the rescue and found a house in an excellent location which also gave us room to begin the church. The house had been vacant for several months, so Denny and his wife, Kathy, and Jimmy and Maxine Wellman worked hard to prepare it for our arrival. They thoroughly cleaned

and winterized it, not only washing walls, but putting up storm windows in the middle of winter and providing a generous supply of firewood.

With all our belongings safely inside our new home, we were anxious to begin worship services. We wanted to follow our first service with a pot-luck dinner, but we did not have a cooking stove. A couple of days later, Denny and Jimmy showed up at our doorstep with a stove and went to work installing it. As they finished, they commented that we would no longer have an excuse not to have a pot-luck, so the next Sunday, we did.



As Nathan and David Hable look on, Jimmy Wellman constructs a pulpit for the Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church. He used cedar from his backyard to make the podium.

My hopes of finding employment were high at first, but as time went on, it wasn't looking good. I was either over qualified or not qualified at all. Our small savings account was forced to stretch over several months. During this time, the families in the church played a unique role in meeting our needs. Some provided us with home canned vegetables, others made bread and canned wild game or gave us grocery items. Firewood was provided to heat our home for the rest of the winter.

We originally were holding services in our living room and in no time at all, we began to outgrow it. It was time to convert our two-car garage into a worship area. With great expectations, the men of the church jumped in and began to work. They supplied a pot-belly stove for heat and carpeting and padding to cover the floor. Their wives transformed bed sheets into fancy new drapes. In no time, our garage was transformed into a cozy chapel in the wilderness.

Our first pulpit consisted of cardboard boxes covered with a blanket. Jimmy took some cedar trees which were laying in his backyard to a sawmill where they were cut into lumber. Then he used them to craft a beautiful new pulpit.

One weekend, my Yokefellow came from Ohio. His visit coincided with the smelt run and our church was going to have a fish fry fellowship as a result. We set up our usual make-shift tables, plywood over sawhorses. Before he left, he had provided the church with three banquet tables and some folding chairs.

The Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church was started by faith and the demonstration of God's love for His people. As the church has grown, this love has continued. In September, Marie underwent major surgery. When she returned home from the hospital, the families of the church provided meals for the next two weeks.

God has given us some wonderful people to share in the development of this new church. Some, though needy themselves, have overflowed with generosity. They have truly demonstrated their love for the Lord Jesus Christ by serving others. ■



The Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church in the "chapel in the wilderness," a converted two-car garage.

Gary Hable pastors the Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church at Escanaba, MI. He and his wife, Marie, have two sons, Nathan and David.



Loving Them Into the Kingdom

by Tony Webb

My wife, Cathy, and I met Mike and Sally* at a birthday party a family in our church had for their four-year-old daughter. Mike is a mechanic and has since fixed our car (which all too often needs his attention). As we have spent time together over the past year, we have seen them change from acquaintances to real friends.

Mike and I have hunted together a number of times. We have had many meals and other times together socially. Cathy and I have come to love them.

Early on in our relationship, Mike made it clear to me, a preacher, they were Catholic and were going to remain that! It was a message he wanted me to know and to know clearly. A year later, I invited them to attend our Fellowship Sunday. With some

hesitation, Mike agreed to come, saying that two services (his at the Catholic Church earlier in the morning and then ours at 10:30 a.m.) would do him a world of good! As it turned out, something came up and they were unable to attend.

Love does make a difference and we are trying to love Mike and Sally and their children into the Kingdom of God. We want to see them accept Christ, not because they will be a statistic for our church, but because they are real, dear friends and we want them to be set free from sin as only in Jesus Christ. That is why we are here in Gettysburg.

** real names*

Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church

Software is the Key

by Rita Atwell Holler



Using a key to unlock your church or office door is something you do without thinking. If you want to enter the world of computers, the key you need is software.

The software determines what functions the computer will perform. It is quite important and there are a variety of programs

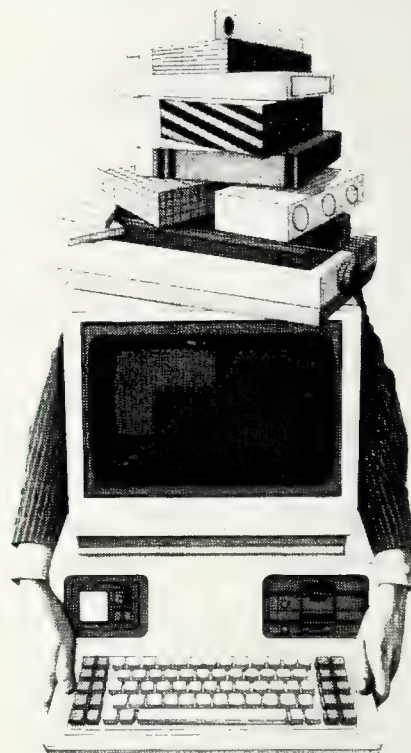
available. There are two different types of software for churches. One type is an **educational package** and the other is **administrative software**.

Administrative software is the type used for church business. It is the package most pastors are interested in acquiring first. These packages or programs are often written by programmers who have been former pastors or lay people. A good software package depends on the programmer's knowledge of programming and of the functions needed by a computer user.

As a computer user you get to pick the administrative program that you think will suit you best. An administrative package deals with the people, finances, word processing, and mailings of a church. The package should provide improved ways of communication. It should give you information about people and let you pass messages to them quickly and easily.

People make up churches and data about them is covered in every church computer program. The information about the member varies from program to program. Usually the program uses the name, address, sex, marital status, children, occupation, birth date, education, and other vital statistics of a person. Some programs include the previous church affiliation, baptismal information, talents, blood type, and, if there are children, their grades and schools.

The details included in a program vary and you can choose from a large array of informative, personal data records. Most of the setups include previous church jobs held by the member. This lists the committees the person served on and the positions he has held within the church.



Some of the programs use an offering envelope number to identify member's files while others use the member's name or parts of it. Most of the software allows any of these details to be merged with the word processing or mailing functions.

Church and Sunday School attendance records for each class or service are maintained. One program allows you to mark the people present or absent. This simplifies the job because you can mark the absentees if there are less or visa-versa.

The church can define the membership status in a good software package. There are designations for church members like active, non-resident, or a member that comes three times a year.

Correlating dates is a feature to take into consideration. Sending birthday cards, or writing encouraging notes to people on anniversary dates can personalize a church's ministry.

The Sunday School Class is recorded for each member and the lesson material being used. When it's time to reorder material, all the information is in the computer.

Visitors are another important part of people-related church records. With the right software, the church secretary can send any church mailings to one visitor or all your visitors.

Perhaps the people did not visit the church, but church leaders or laymen visited in their home or made contact with them elsewhere. It is possible to keep in touch with these prospects and have an on-going record of these meetings, letters, or other forms of communication.

Another aspect of the computer is the way it can generate a list of any designated group of people.

You can go by age, location, name, membership status, visitor, or Sunday School Class. Everyone can receive personalized mailings regularly from the church. It will assist you in further outreach in your community.

Are there other nationalities in your area? Some computer programs have national character sets for the keyboard. If you work with other nationalities, you can slant your letters to them using their language.

One vendor has a program calendar. It provides automatic reminder notices for each committee or class member about an upcoming meeting. With this system you can reserve rooms or buses for specific dates throughout the year. It has designations for other resources to be reserved, too.

Some things to ask about when you are considering software are: How does the program handle titles if the female is a Dr. or other professional and the male is Mr.? Can you customize categories? What's the yearly number of weeks available for tracking Sunday School and worship services?

Under the financial part of the software there are categories for pew and special offerings as well as pledges. Most of these are controlled by using an envelope number. The number system keeps the information private. The person recording the amount doesn't usually know who gave what when no name is listed. "... thy Father which sees in secret himself shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:4 KJV.

Printing out financial reports monthly, quarterly, or annually is part of many programs. Some have a feature that provides a reminder notice to parishioners when they are behind in their pledge payments.

There are variations in the number of fund accounts available. The most available is 99 giving tracks. These can be divided into regular giving or pledges as you desire.

Software should print out checks and merge financial reports with the membership list. Giving receipts to parishioners at the end of the year should become easier with a computer.

Check for the speed and ease of the data input. Go for a program where the financial figure is entered one time and the program automatically records the information in other places.

Some questions to ask your vendor: How many offerings will the program handle? Can the financial information be merged with the word processing program? Will the program automatically line up the decimal points in the column of figures?

Word processing provides printed materials. These include letters, mailing labels, lists, posters, announcements, and sermon notes. A pastor, secretary, or lay person can produce these without any muss or fuss. Letters and other church mailings can become personal when you use the best computer software available.

If you want to send letters about a youth activity to all the 12 to 15 year-olds, you can do it. The greeting on each letter can be "Dear" with the adolescent's first name. Mailing labels can be printed and everything sent out in a much shorter time than ever before.

When Mrs. Johnson says, "Pastor, I'd like to have your sermon notes from last Sunday. I learned a valuable lesson and I want to share it with my sister." You can print out those notes with the computer for your parishioner in a few minutes. One church sends the pastor's Wednesday night sermon notes to all the students and armed service people each month.

This innovative way to supply sermon notes makes your ministry more personal and wide-reaching. Sermon outlines for each service can be another asset of word processing.

Other things to look for are word wrap, a search and replace feature, and margin justifications. Get a demonstration of the software to make sure it can handle your work requirements.

Ask your computer software salesman these questions: Does the program do automatic page numbering and line centering? Can it underline, double underline, bold face, put in superscripts, subscripts, footnotes, headings, and tabulate printed material? Will it cut stencils?

If you write a lot of letters or post cards for your people, you will find the computer a time saver. The mail merge feature is something you will want to have. Again you should see it demonstrated. If you print monthly newsletters for your parishioners, make sure your software will handle it. The format used for some newsletters is three columns on a sheet of paper, not all software or printers can handle this. Ask about the one you're considering.

When shopping for software ask questions. Select a vendor who will readily answer them and one who doesn't have to search for the information. Take examples of your work and have the capabilities of the software demonstrated to you. Some companies allow you to use their software before purchasing it, why not take advantage of this?

As one user commented, "You can read all the material you want, but until you actually get your hands on it; are you going to see the power of it? Nothing beats a demonstration."

Enter the world of computing via a good church administrative software package. It is the key to the computer which enables you to reach out to church members and your community. Once you've worked with it for a few months, it will seem as easy to use as the key that unlocks your church or office door.

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CE Board Meets At Long Beach GBC



CE Board of Directors and Executive Staff, pictured from left to right: (front row) Brad Skiles, Mitch Picard, Steve Peters, Ed Lewis, Ed Cashman; (second row) Bud Olszewski, Bernie Simmons, Ray Feather, EJ Underwood; and (third row) Paul Mutchler, Don Byers, Mike Clapham, Steve Jarrell, and Dave Belcher.

The board of directors for GBC Christian Education recently held their annual spring board meeting at the Long Beach, CA, GBC on March 6-8, 1988. The board and staff were able to attend the Sunday morning worship service at the church and then attended area Grace Brethren churches Sunday evening. On Monday, March 7, the CE board and staff formed committees with the Long Beach staff to discuss various local church ministries and brainstorm on ways the two ministries could work together in ministry to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Dr. Dick Mayhue, senior pastor of the Long Beach GBC, shared a personal challenge with the CE board and on Tuesday, pastor Jay Bell led the 14-member board on a cross-cultural tour of inner city Long Beach and described the church's ministry to Cambodians and other internationals. Meeting at the Long Beach GBC reflects a decision of the CE board to hold their board meetings in local churches so that CE board and staff can be exposed to new ministries and keep a focus on serving the local church.

Tillapaughs Challenge Pastors

CE's Ridgcrest '88 conference for pastors, youth pastors, associates, and women in ministry, was a tremendous success. Eighty-six people attended the week-long conference, April 4-8, which featured Frank Tillapaugh, pastor of the Bear Valley Baptist Church, and his wife, Mary; Ed Trenner, consulting associate with Masterplanning Group International; and Don Roscoe, instructor for Sonlife Ministries. A children's track was led and coordinated by Mitch Picard, children's pastor at the Lititz, PA, GBC.

CE's TIME Ministries

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July 1-July 30, 1988

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June 1-August 10, 1988

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January 4-June 4, 1988

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June 10-July 29, 1988

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January 1-September 1, 1988

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June 24, 1988-May 26, 1989

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March 9-May 24, 1988

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August 6, 1987-July 7, 1988

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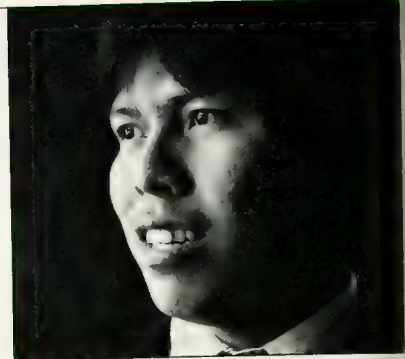
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Daron Butler: *ministry now* *to prepare for ministry later*



"I am a Navajo. And I am a Christian." Daron Butler's special cultural identity and his strong Christian faith do not pose any conflict for him. Instead, he sees special opportunities. He plans a life of ministry among young Navajo people.

Daron is a graduate of Grace College and has just ended his first year as a Master of Divinity student in Grace Theological Seminary.

As a young man in Counselor, New Mexico, he could have entered any one of several colleges and universities. "I had made up my mind to attend a Christian college," he explains, "because I wanted to base my life on God's Word. I knew I needed an education in accord with that."

Grace graduates at the Brethren Navajo Mission in Counselor encouraged him to come to Winona Lake, however. "'Encouraged' might not be the best word for it," Daron says. "Angie Garber and Larry Wedertz gave me tons of information about Grace." Wedertz, in addition to heading the mission, is a member of the Grace board of trustees. Angie Garber, a 1951 graduate of the seminary, has served at the Brethren Navajo Mission for 37 years. Daron is one of eight young people from the Navajo nation who are now studying on the Grace campus.

When he graduated last year from Grace College, Daron was not planning to return for seminary. He wanted to move back to New Mexico and begin working among Navajo young people as a high school counselor. But a summer mission trip helped him to see a further educational need.

"I found I needed to be better prepared to address a lot of biblical issues in ministry," Daron recalls. "It's important, because we're talking eternity -- young people's lives -- when we are ministering and teaching. I knew I'd better get my act together." He hurried through the admissions process and began classes at the seminary in the three-year M.Div. program last fall.

Daron will say that only part of his education comes from the seminary classroom, while a great deal of it takes place through ministry activities.

Ministry characterized his college years, when at various times Daron served as a Bible study leader, resident assistant, participant and leader in Ministry in Action, and class and student body officer.

"When I first came to campus, I was introverted.

That was a natural for me. I was the only Navajo here, and I didn't know anyone. But I also was determined to learn as much as I could and then go back to New Mexico. I did not know -- in fact I still don't know -- in what specific ways God plans to use me. But I knew that right off the bat I needed to get involved with the people, professors, and ministries here in order to learn what I would need when I return to my people."

Daron still leads a Ministry in Action team from Grace in an innercity work in Indianapolis. Three times each semester, the team of seminary and college students travels to Indianapolis to conduct activities for young people through a mission there.

And he seizes every opportunity to learn more about young people and how to minister to them. For example, he could return to his apartment for lunch every day. That would be the least expensive alternative. But Daron eats with students in the Dining Commons on campus in order to maintain contact with young people. "It's more expensive, but it's ministry -- ministry now which is helping me prepare for ministry later.

"When I was young, my parents told me that if I knew the Lord and followed Him, I could do anything I wanted to do. That motivates me. As Christians, we need to do our best. We need to be right up front, on the cutting edge, with everything developing around us in the world. We need to be there to address the issues from the perspective of truth.

"But we also need balance. You do your best, you be all you can be, and at the same time, you must be involved in lives and ministry. Education is not just academics. About 25 percent of it is in the classroom, and the rest is outside."

And education is not an end. It is a means to an end, Daron believes.

"I want to work with Navajo people, whether on the reservation, in a city, or right here. I believe I was saved in order to minister to people -- no matter who they are. Maybe the Lord will put me overseas -- I don't want to, but maybe He will. The point is, after seminary I will have the capabilities to go wherever he leads me. That's what motivates me." ■

(Note: Daron Butler is one of six Grace students who are the subject of feature articles in the upcoming June Grace Magazine. For a free subscription to the magazine, write Editor, Grace Magazine, 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.)

National WMC Update

by Margie Devan, President

The National WMC Executive Committee met in Winona Lake in March and received some encouraging reports of what God is doing through WMC.

For a number of years, we have wanted to produce a "WMC Handbook" which would bring together all our information and helps in one binder. Much work has been put into this by several women, but the finished product stayed outside our reach. This past year, a committee of women from the West Penn District has spent many hours working on the "Handbook", and after final editing, we plan to have it printed and available by Conference time. We are planning a workshop to present the Handbook during the CE Conference.

Much work has also gone into the SMM program this year and we are encouraged by the progress that has been made by a group of women who are revising the materials. Using a master plan, they are designing goals and selecting materials which will help our girls to mature



WMC Executive Committee -- left to right: Linda Unruh, Lillian Teeter, Ruth Snyder, Joyce Ashman, Margie Devan, Isobel Fraser, Debbie Adams, Ella Lee Risser, Janet Minnix, Betty Ogden.



spiritually, physically and socially. Strong emphases on missions and discipleship are included.

We were pleased to approve the hiring of a new director for the oversight of the SMM ministry. The new director will be announced by the CE office soon. She will help in SMM and other ministries of GBC Christian Education, beginning this fall.

Terry Julien has designed a new logo for WMC which more clearly portrays our love for God's Word and missions. Be watching for it. I think you'll like it!

Much is also being accomplished by local and district WMC groups as we minister to and support our missionaries and edify each other. I am reminded that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

Keep up the good work!

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Matthew 5:3-12

A Challenge to Women

by Raeann Hart

What better time than the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day to challenge women to a more active role in serving our creator.

As Christians, we are in process. We are learning more about who Christ is and are learning to become more Christlike. **The most vital challenge for women today is to faithfully spend time in God's Word.** How can we grow to be more like Christ if we don't know who He is? How can we find out who He is if we don't read, study and meditate upon His Word -- daily? *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."* John 1:14. It is essential that we **make** time to spend with the Lord. We can be creative. We can pray at stoplights when driving, we can prop a Bible verse up on our window sill while we are washing dishes or tape it to the mirror while cleaning the bathroom. We can sing praises to our Lord while scrubbing floors, pulling weeds, driving to work and rocking children. A creative mom I know steals away to a church down the street to read the Bible and pray for 20 minutes each day. It isn't important whether we get up earlier or stay up later or skip a television show to spend time in God's word, but it is extremely important that we get our wisdom and encouragement from the correct source. *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man (and woman) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* II Timothy 3:16,17.

Practice Hospitality

Once we are thoroughly equipped for every good work, we can practice hospitality. We are commanded to *"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."* I Peter 4:9 and to *"Share with God's people who are in need."* **Practice hospitality.** Romans 12:13. In the hustle and bustle of the '80's, we seem to have lost our ability to open our homes to others.

First let's discuss the requirements for hospitality. The Bible does **not** tell us that we must have an expensive, perfectly decorated, tidy home and be able to serve lobster and steak in order to entertain. The Bible **does** command us to share, encourage, and practice hospitality. The emphasis is on a sacrifice of our time, a giving of ourselves. Our homes should be open to our Christian friends, of course, but also to our children's friends,

neighbors, and non-Christian acquaintances. One of the most neglected areas of hospitality is to visitors and new members in our churches. The temptation is to spend our limited free time with close friends with whom we have the most in common and that is understandable. However, we **must** reach out to others of different ages, backgrounds and experiences. A visitor to our church needs to feel welcome to want to return.

If your style of entertaining is to serve a 5 course dinner on fine china, that is wonderful. If your style is hot dogs or pizza or popcorn after church on Sunday evening, that is just as good. Plan to relax and enjoy your company and have a goal. Your goal could be to become better acquainted or to spur one another on to good works or to build bridges to share our Savior. It is also helpful to include your entire family in the preparations. You can tell your children as they help you set the table, *"We have invited the Millers over for dinner because they have visited our church and we want to get to know them a little better and share what our Lord has done for us and our family."*

Hebrews 13:2 reminds us of the importance of hospitality. *"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."*

Develop a Ministry

The opportunities for women to serve the Lord today are more varied than they have ever been. Women are able to teach Sunday School, write articles, speak for groups, care for the church library or nursery, help in the church office, serve on the board for Christian organizations, lead a Bible study, be active in the WMC, send packages to missionaries and pray for others. In too many churches, a small group of individuals are doing the majority of the work. There are plenty of opportunities for every woman to serve in her own way using her own special gifts.

When Paul was writing to Titus he said, *"teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."* (Titus 2:3-5).



"To be busy, self-controlled and pure" are keys to having a happy heart. Have you ever noticed that the women who are actively working to serve the Lord do not have time to complain, back bite and feel sorry for themselves? Women who concentrate on being reverent, loving and busy for the Lord will not malign the Word of God.

If you have not developed an area of service, pray about it. Search the Scriptures, pray and ask a trustworthy Christian friend to help you find your particular gifts for service. A call to the church office or the president of your WMC should give you a list of projects that could use your assistance.

Have you ever noticed how cheerful the people are who serve the Lord the most? "God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7b,8. I believe this verse is telling us that when we give of our time to the Lord's work, we cannot help but be cheerful, having all that we need, abounding in every good work. Not only are the Lord's workers naturally more cheerful, they don't have time to get discouraged and complain.

When you are actively involved in the Lord's work, you can see the work that He is doing in the people and activities around you and you will get the opportunity to see the harvest.

Cultivate a Gentle and Quiet Spirit

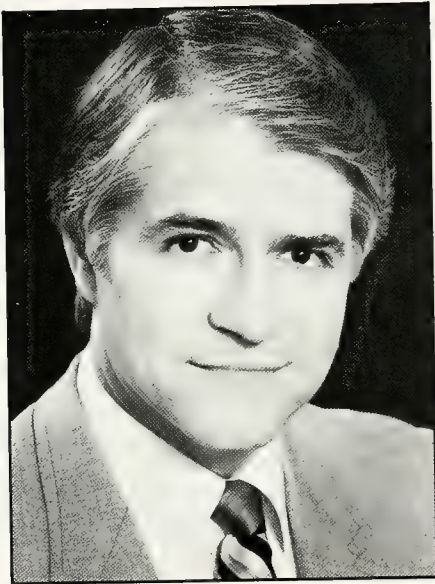
"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wear-

ing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, **the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.**" 1 Peter 3:3,4. Proverbs shows the result of the opposite of a quiet spirit when it tells us that it is "Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife." (25:24).

The Bible gives us great incentives to develop a quiet spirit and a cheerful nature. Consider these Proverbs. "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." (16:24) "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (17:22). "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things." Philippians 4:8.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (4:29) If we continually strive to spend time in the Lord's word, develop a ministry of service for the kingdom, practice hospitality and guard our tongues, we will develop a quiet and gentle spirit that will be of great worth in God's sight. We cannot do these things without God's help, but he has promised to help us. "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

Thessalonians 2:16,17



Reaching the Top

by Larry W. Poland

It was a lovely lunch at one of Burbank, California's, finest restaurants. The swank dining room was filled with network television executives cutting deals and hearing pitches for program ideas. There was a different kind of conversation going on at our table between my host and me.

"Larry," said the distinguished, fiftyish gentleman across from me, "know a good church in which to have your daughter christened?"

"Why would you want to do that?" I replied, somewhat to his surprise.

"Well, I thought you'd approve of that -- your being in religion and all," he replied.

"I didn't say I didn't approve of it. I just would like some more information."

"Like what?" he asked.

"Oh, like, have you and your wife ever prayed together and dedicated this little doll to God on your own?"

"I can't say that we have."

"Do you ever pray at all?"

He thought that question over a minute before replying, "Well, I say a prayer with my daughter at night when I tuck her in."

"Do you feel you are on intimate, talking terms with God?"

"Well, I believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost . . ." He rambled on with something that sounded a lot like stuff he'd memorized in his high school catechism class.

"Would you like to know how to have a personal relationship with Christ?"

"Yes, I really would."

A few minutes later this man was praying over the table to invite Jesus Christ to be his personal savior. In fact, he prayed it with such enthusiasm and conviction that a number of other people near us in the restaurant couldn't help hearing it!

"Wonderful," you say, "another person comes to know Christ. But what is so unusual about that?"

The unusual part is that this man is vice president at one of the three major television networks, one of perhaps a dozen people with a "final say" in what his network airs. *The unusual part* is that a person in the "top ten percent" of those with wealth, knowledge, and power in our society came to Christ. *The unusual part* is that someone witnessed to him.

After seven years of ministry in the inner sanctums of power in film and television in Hollywood and New York, I am convinced that there is a very significant "unreached people group" at the top of America's social pyramid. Six months of research into the spiritual dynamics of the leadership levels of film and TV showed me that some of America's most influential people -- people that program what America thinks about seven-and-a-half hours a day -- have been overlooked in the pursuit of the lost for Jesus Christ.

But that doesn't surprise me. As a student of personal evangelism for a quarter of a century, I have observed that most people will not witness *up* the social structure. They will not witness to the boss. They will not witness to the bank president. When I was in university work, I found that students didn't witness to professors, professors didn't witness to deans, and deans didn't witness to presidents or board members. If they witnessed at all, they witnessed *on their own perceived social level or lower!*

If you think about that statistically, it does not bode well for those that run our society. If the ninety percent of us that do not hold power will not witness to the ten percent of those who do, then *how will they hear* unless the scant number of believers at their level do it? A society cannot really

be changed by the Gospel through ministries that focus on the disenfranchised -- drug rehab, rescue mission, and jail ministries, for example. We *must* reach the "down and out!" We must *also* reach the "up and out."

One spectacular thing about Jesus' witness was that He could love people into the kingdom that were common fishermen, tax collectors, or prostitutes, but he could also reach the powerful centurions and the wealthy Lazaruses, and Josephs of Arimethea!

Let me make a few suggestions that I trust will help you target your witness on the "powerful people."

1. Make sure you have some influential people on your prayer list. Pray for the mayor, the school principal, the president of XYZ, Inc., or the top lady socialite. Pray that God will prepare a way for you to share Christ with the persons you pray for.

2. Be sensitive to their culture. The first rules of mission work are "learn the language and adjust to the culture." This may mean that you will want to have lunch at the Hyatt or Marriott rather than the "golden arches." And you may need to wear your "Sunday best" rather than your "grubbies."

3. Love' em in the Spirit. Be sure that you are filled with the Spirit and that the love of Christ is showing through you to them in every interaction. Everybody at the top will tell you that it is really lonely up there. At the top you are the focus of a lot of contempt from ill-motivated people -- jealousy, contempt for authority, and gross misunderstanding. If you show a genuine, spirit-motivated love and concern, it will be an "offense for which there is no defense."

4. Don't be intimidated. The more intimidated you are, the more awkward they will feel. The more comfortable *you* feel, the more comfortable *they* will feel. This will be tougher for you if you have a weak self image. But remember that you have not been given a "spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline (II Timothy 1:7 NIV)." Claim that bold Spirit.

5. Share the same gospel you would with anyone else. I use largely the same words, use the same printed tool for sharing Christ, and ask them to pray the same prayer I do with the "down and out." Don't take an intellectual approach. An intellectual approach will draw an intellectual response. An approach to the spirit will draw a response from the spirit!

I know it works. I could tell you of a vice president of CBS on his knees with me in a hotel room to surrender to Christ. I could tell you of prominent, Jewish producers who have met Christ. I

could tell you of millionaires and presidents of corporations that have prayed a simple prayer with me to enter the kingdom.

"Sure," you say, "It's easy for you to say all this. You've a Ph.D.. You've been a college president. You're not very down and out yourself!"

Guilty as charged. But let me assure you that, while those things *help* make my witness somewhat easier, they are *not the key*.

Years ago I sat next to an eminent physicist from Brookhaven National Laboratory on a plane flight. He had a Ph.D. in Physics and was world renowned for his research, I learned later. I attempted to share Christ with him as we flew along, but he obviously was uninterested, so I changed the subject.

Later, after the meal was served, we sat in silence until he broke it with a strange statement.

"You know," he exclaimed, "I don't know how people can be so oblivious to what is going on here! We are flying along at 600 miles an hour, held aloft at 36,000 feet by physical principles in an aircraft that's about as long as a football field. We are in a warm, comfortable cabin with the atmosphere perfectly matched to our breathing, being served a meal with the hot food hot and cold food cold. How can people be so unaware of the incredible principles of physics at work here?"

"I was thinking something very similar," I replied. "I was looking out the window at those beautiful, snow capped, Colorado mountains with the sun glistening off them and wondering how anyone could be so oblivious to the fact that a person can have a personal relationship with the God that made them!"

The eminent physicist froze with his fork of food suspended in mid-air. He looked at me and said, "That is the same message my cleaning lady gives me."

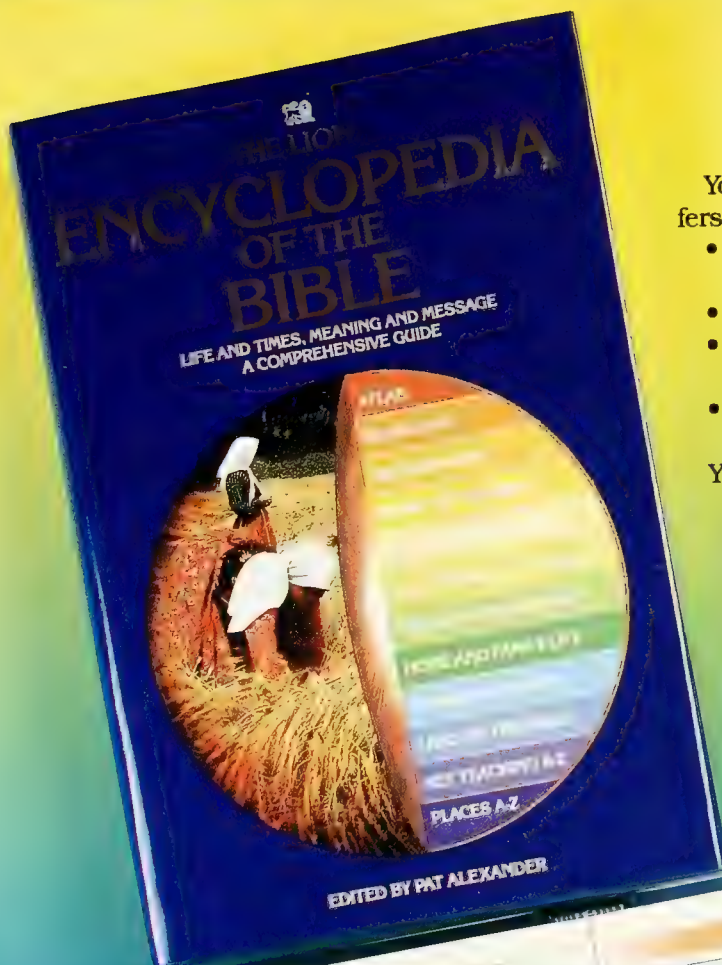
My friend, Ph.D to Ph.D. or cleaning lady to Ph.D., God has chosen the "foolishness of the Gospel" to be the agent of salvation for those at the top as well as those at the bottom. *Share it!*

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EXTENSION IN EUROPE

Enhancing the discipleship ministry of missionary and pastor and assisting in the training of church leaders.

by Trevor Craigen

Brochures. Prospectuses. Letters. Invoices. Receipts. Lists of student statistics. Graded examinations. Course assignments. Grade reports. Plastic and paper folders. This parade of paper marches regularly across the desk to finally bulge in the files. All a mute testimony to office activity: all a silent attestation of Grace Seminary Extension in Europe in operation. But that's just what it is, only inanimate evidence of the presence in Europe of this cooperative venture between Grace Theological Seminary and Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

Push aside the paper. Forget the bulging files. Look not at the office with its desks, tables, chairs, lamps, bookcases, books, typewriter and computer. Let not your eye be attracted by the outward trappings of something happening nor let your gaze be plucked away from what really counts -- real people, the students, the missionaries, and the pastors.

Pause, then, and let your eye fall upon students whose strong desire to study the Word of God has enabled them to sacrifice their annual vacation, to step aside from their normal routine, and to submerge themselves in several weeks of intensive instruction in theology and related subjects.

Wait. Don't leave. Linger a little longer and let your eye also fall upon missionaries and pastors whose strong desire to preach and teach the Word of God has profoundly impacted the lives of some men and women, ripe for further instruction and preparation. Catch, then, the dynamic combination involved, the formula for the future, namely,

SEMINARY EXTENSION + MISSIONARY/PASTOR + STUDENT = ONGOING MINISTRY

The letterhead of the Seminary Extension has been endorsed with the slogan that succinctly expresses this dynamic combination: enhancing the discipleship ministry of missionary and pastor and assisting in the training of church leaders.



The discipling work of a missionary is being harnessed with the expertise of Seminary professors so that students are being better equipped for serving their Lord within the local church which that missionary is



planting. Since students are only in class for a maximum of six weeks each summer they remain very much so under the guidance of the missionary or pastor and active in ministry. The focus must remain on the missionary/discipler in tandem with the Seminary Extension and not on the institution as an entity in itself. None, at the end of their program, will be viewed as graduating from the institution. Rather, all will be viewed as graduating *through* the Seminary *on behalf* of certain missionaries or pastors.

Course assignments available one year in advance, give students adequate time for preparation and research work and also allow missionaries to integrate what is demanded of their students with the discipling.

Madison Avenue-style advertising for student recruitment is devoid of relevance in such a context of theological education on the mission field. Without the backing of missionaries and pastors who see the Extension as an integral part of the leadership-discipleship strategy it would cease operations.

Summer 1988	
First Term July 4-22 Old Testament Introduction OT 121 3 hours Elective 2 hours	Second Term July 25-August 12 New Testament Introduction NT 111 3 hours The Place of Preaching in the Pastoral Ministry HO 207 2 hours

Spotlight on Students

Apart from the missionaries with out which Grace Seminary Extension could not function, the spotlight shifts and focuses on students, three of whom will graduate this summer. Angel Maya (from Madrid, Spain), Valeria Franchi (from Rome, Italy) and Elisabeth Schmid (from Sierre, Switzerland) should step forward on August 12, 1988 to receive their Diplomas of Biblical Studies.

Angel

Angel is not only a teacher of Spanish in a Missionary Christian School, but is also the active partner in a Christian bookstore in downtown Madrid. He, who at one time thought about becoming a Roman Catholic priest, is now a leader and preacher in a Baptist church! Testimony from that church indicates that he has blossomed as a preacher and teacher of the Word. For him and for them the time spent at the Chateau has been well worth it.

Valeria

Valeria, whose testimony appeared in a past issue of the *Herald* (February 1987), currently teaches English in the city of Rome. For her the summers, which she describes as being precious to her, have substantially improved her understanding of evangelical theology and its vocabulary. Thus, her skills as a translator for the Conservative Baptist printing press in Naples have been strengthened. Her mother tongue can now be enriched by the evangelical literature she translates.

Elisabeth

Elisabeth, who first heard of Grace Brethren in the summer of 1985, now serves as one of our representatives in the CAR as a medical missionary specifically assigned to the work with the pygmies. There is no doubt on the part of anyone who talked with her or who heard her testimony at her baptism at the Chateau in the summer of 1986, that God has used the courses to make a profound and significant impact, not only on her life, but also on her whole understanding of the Word of God.

From regular contact with students, (in this summer's program four students will be Grace Brethren



Elisabeth Schmid, Valeria Franchi, Angel Maya

church leaders) much more could be said. Yes, more; of sermons preached, of Bible studies delivered, of special, in-house church training programs developed, of evening Bible Institute courses taught, of hurting neighbors helped, of lives changed, of the gospel being proclaimed, all because students from Holland, Italy, France, Germany, England, Ireland and Spain have had their hearts touched, their minds stretched, and their gifts sharpened.

This has all happened because the entire program of studies at the Chateau each summer is characterized by the blending of three emphases, namely:

- the broadening of the student's intellectual knowledge of the Word of the Lord,
- the deepening of their devotion to the Lord of the Word,
- the strengthening of their commitment to the command of the Lord to go and make disciples.

In short:

- infused with knowledge,
- enthused for service

Remember the missionaries.

Think of the professors.

Pray for the students.

Our Lord can use them all to shatter the spiritual darkness of Western Europe and to continue building there His Church. The slogan is so simple. **The impact could be so incredible.** Enhancing the discipleship ministry of missionary or pastor. ■

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Joining the Team

Steve Popenfoose joined the GBFM team in April to begin training under Director of Finance Steve Mason. He will then succeed Steve Mason on July 1.

Prior to his employment with GBFM, Steve was general manager of Washington Products and plant superintendent of Brock Manufacturing. When not working, he enjoys running, reading, teaching, Bible study and hunting.



Steve, Paula, Jon, Joel Popenfoose

Steve, and his wife, Paula, have two sons: Jon, 5, and Joel, 3. They live in Warsaw, Indiana and are active in the Community Grace Brethren Church.

Update: SPAIN

Lynn and Lois Schrock



Lynn and Lois Schrock, GBFM missionaries to Argentina for 23 years, will be assuming responsibility for the work in Valencia, Spain, July 1988 -- December 1988 while Bob and Marilyn Salazar are in the United States for home ministries. Welcome back Lynn and Lois!

While home, the Salazars will be seeking co-workers for the growing ministry in Spain.

Kliever Scholarship

Marv Miller, a student in the M. Div. program at Grace Theological Seminary, was recently named recipient of the Freda Kliever Mission Scholarship.

The scholarship, sponsored by the Middlebranch, Ohio, GBC, in memory of Mrs. Freda Kliever, 40

year missionary to the Central African Republic and Chad, is awarded each year to one seminary student who is actively pursuing a career in missions.

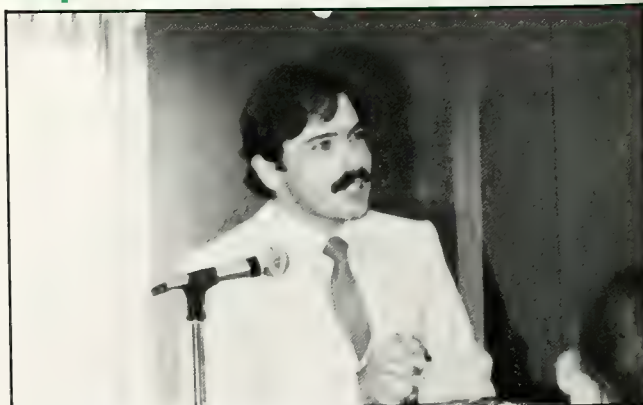
Marv and his wife, Verlie, have been approved missionary candidates for the 2-year SOWers program in England. They hope to leave for England in 1989.

The Millers have one daughter; Megan, age 3.



Verlie and Marv Miller

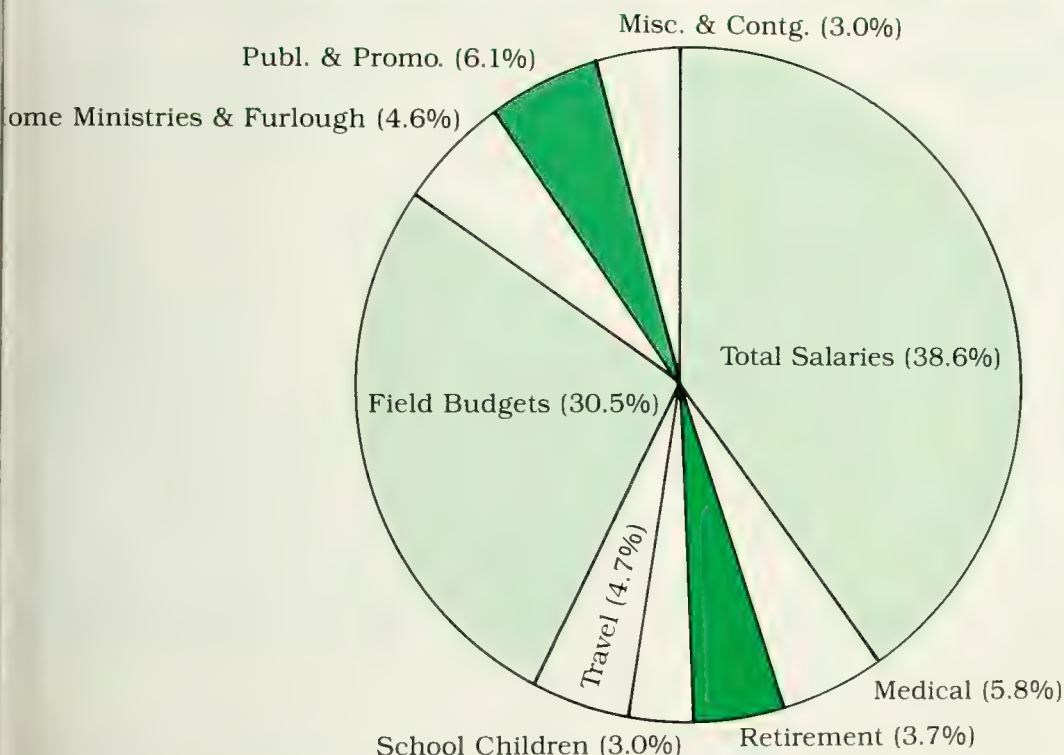
Top Position in Government



Dr. Daniel Montamat, a product of the Rio Cuarto GBC in Cordoba, Argentina, has recently been named president of Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales, the National Oil Company, Argentina's largest company.

Daniel, who attended the East Lansing, MI GBC while earning a Masters in Economics from Michigan State University, says, "This is the first time a Christian related with the evangelical world has been given a top position in the government. I need the Lord's wisdom to be His instrument in Argentina. My job is quite hard, but our God is going to support me. Please ask all my brothers in the U.S. to pray. We are doing the same in Argentina."

Financial Questions and Answers



Why are the support levels of missionaries constantly rising?

A GBFM missionary receives his personal pay and funds for ministry in American dollars. He must then change those dollars into the currency of the country in which he serves. The amount of the foreign currency the American dollar will buy is called the "exchange rate."

The worth or strength of a country's currency is determined by what it can buy within the country and by its relative value to other currencies. Since February 1985, the dollar has weakened drastically in several major currencies. The result is reduced buying power for the American dollar overseas.

Maintaining similar buying power overseas means increasing the dollars required for basic needs. In order to adequately provide for our missionaries, support levels must be raised.

When I support a missionary where does my money go?

To give an example: Steve and Wilma Bailey are new missionaries to Argentina. They were commissioned at National Conference in 1987. Their support level was set at \$36,000 a year/ \$3,000 a month. They had to have the entire amount committed before leaving for language study. How is the money being used?

Category	Definition
travel	— to and from Argentina
field expenses	— monthly paycheck
medical and retirement	—
schooling costs for children	—
promotions	— publications & audio-visuals
language study	—
home ministries	— travel in U.S., ministry costs

There are no portions in the pie for GBFM home office expenses. Why not?

Many mission boards automatically take a percentage out of a missionary's support to pay home office expenses, but with GBFM, the entire amount given to a missionary will only be used for that missionary and for the expenses of the field on which that missionary is serving. GBFM does not subtract a percentage of a missionary's support to cover home office administrative expenses.

All administrative expenses of the GBFM home office staff are covered by general undesignated offerings from churches. However, several individuals and churches have built into their budgets a separate commitment to support the home office team. We appreciate these commitments and would encourage more individuals and churches to consider supporting the home office team supporting individual missionaries. ■

Joni Eareckson Tada

Joni Eareckson Tada was voted the most athletic girl in her graduating class in 1967. Six weeks later she broke her neck in a diving accident and was left paralyzed from the shoulders down.

During two years of rehabilitation she developed a latent artistic talent by learning to draw with a pencil between her teeth. Her artwork brought her national attention in the media and the story of her experience soon became a best-seller. She portrayed her own part in a full length feature film *Joni*, produced by World Wide Pictures. Tada received thousands of letters as a result of her testimony. Many were from people who wanted to know more about living the Christian life in the midst of difficulty and suffering. Her response was a book called *A Step Further* (co-authored by Steve Estes, the student who had helped her study the Bible immediately after her accident) and a lecture series on film, *Blessings Out Of Brokenness*.

Realizing the need of disabled people for practical, financial, and spiritual help, it also became Tada's goal to assist churches in reaching out to those with handicaps and including them in the life of congregation. In 1979 she founded *Joni and Friends*, a religious, non-profit organization, to demonstrate God's love and power to those who hurt, joining their needs with the resources of the local church and to assist persons with disabilities in their progress toward independence and fulfillment. *Joni and Friends* reaches a live audience of nearly 3 million people each year with its message of help and hope. These purposes are carried out through a daily radio program and numerous media specials, including video and audio tapes for training and education.

To give financial assistance, Tada founded *The Christian Fund For the Disabled*, a matching grant fund. The Fund will match up to \$500.00 raised by a church to provide equipment or services needed by a disabled person.

A National Congress on the Church and the Disabled is scheduled for July 6 through July 10, 1988 at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois. This is the first gathering of leaders in Special Ministries in the history of the church.



Plans for a model *Transitional Living Center* are being formulated. It would be built on the grounds of a Christian College -- utilizing the students, facilities and academic programs. The purpose will be to not only give a disabled person the opportunity for practical, ongoing rehabilitation, but also to educate Christian college students on the worth and needs of someone with a handicap.

Mrs. Tada has traveled extensively in the United States as well as in seventeen foreign countries. Her audiences are wide and varied and include Billy Graham Crusades, national youth meetings, prisons, rehabilitation centers and local churches.

In 1982, Joni Eareckson married Ken Tada a high school teacher from Burbank, California. They make their home in Woodland Hills, California.

Joni will be a featured speaker at our National Conference this July 30-August 5. The following excerpt is from her latest book *Choices Changes*, a Zondervan Publication.

Choices.... Changes

I am discovering that people in movies wear masks. They substitute one kind of reality for another. It seems all the more confusing since my lines aren't, in fact, voiced from my heart as they were years ago. They are read from a script. The mask of a hospitalized seventeen-year-old girl doesn't quite fit me any more. They have to re-create "me" with pasty, pale foundation, dark

make-up under my eyes, a matted blond wig, and a wrinkled hospital gown.

Today I lay face down on a Stryker frame -- a narrow canvas bed. With my chin and forehead resting on cushioned strips of cloth, I can follow everyone's steps. I memorize the shoes of the cast and crew. The sound man with the boom mike stands over my head. A strip of adhesive tape on

one of his shoes reads, "Hi," and on the other, "Joni."

Minutes tick by. Camera rehearsals take time. I wish they would hurry, though. My chin and forehead are beginning to ache from the pressure. This mask is real.

I must concentrate. The director and the cameraman are almost ready. Footsteps across the sound-stage floor become attendants and nurses. The director flips through a script much like a doctor making notes on my chart. Cameras and lights become giant X-ray machines positioned around my body.

"Let's make a movie, children." Jim Collier claps his hands for positions. "Remember, Joni, you're dazed. Disoriented."

"Yes," I say obediently. I am, in fact, dazed and a little disoriented.

Filming begins as Cooper, the actor who wears the mask of my boyfriend, smuggles a puppy up nine flights of hospital steps, makes his way past a nurses' station on hands and knees, and into my room. He pulls the panting puppy from under his jacket and lifts him to my cheek. "Here, pup. Lick Joni's face."

"Oh, he's so cute," I mumble. Under the heat of the stage lights the puppy droops and whines to be let loose.

"Cut! Change the slate for another take!" The crew takes a break stretching and talking idly as the camera is repositioned.

We begin again, but the pup ignores his lines. We try a third take. A fourth. They bring in a second puppy.

Offstage, the dog wrangler tries to tease his pups into a playful mood. Onstage, my mood sours. My chin and forehead are hot and sore. Yet I apologize to the director. Perhaps my frightful wig and pallid features put the puppies off.

We try the scene again. I strain to reach the pup with my cheek. **Oh, please lick my cheek!** By now, the crew members chuckle every time a new puppy goes into his "I'm not interested" routine. I realize I'm not smiling and weakly join the laughter.

Four more puppies and fifteen takes later, I lamely give permission for the wrangler to smear liver-flavored baby food on the side of my cheek away from the camera. I apologize again. It must be my fault.

"Action!"

The puppy wriggles and squirms in Cooper's hands. He catches a whiff of the liver and furiously licks my cheek. The camera catches this precious bit of action, everyone cheers, and Jim finally calls a wrap.

It takes just minutes to pack the camera, clear the set, dim the lights, and say good night. It takes longer to flip me face up on the Stryker. Oh, the relief!

Jay and Judy lift me in their familiar, friendly embrace into my wheelchair. They push me to the dressing room. It will take even longer to remove the pasty make-up, wig, and gown. Before they begin, the girls walk back to the sound stage to gather up our sweaters and other belongings.

Alone in front of the brightly-lit make-up mirror I look into a pale, drawn face. The hair askew. The hospital gown is oversized and obliterates the body underneath. The girl is alive only from her shoulders up, just like in the hospital. Even the dry, crusty food on her cheek is a reminder of those first sorry attempts at feeding herself. She is exhausted and humiliated. Cowing before dogs and directors, she has allowed herself to be intimidated. Just like in the hospital.

Tired and hurting, I feel so sorry for the girl in the mirror. The past overpowers me. It eats away like acid. I look at my paralyzed legs and a feeling of claustrophobia envelopes me -- I can't move. Hot tears well in my eyes. Who am I crying for? The girl in the mirror or the woman in the chair? Is it the past I grieve for . . . or the present?

Ashamed and embarrassed by these thoughts darting beneath the surface, I lean my head back and let the tears drain behind my eyes. I press my nose against the sleeve of the white gown, dabbing at the wetness as though painstakingly retouching the flaws on a mask. The smile I hastily assume as Jay and Judy return from the sound stage is just that -- a mask.

I stare straight ahead as they wipe away the thick make-up with cotton balls and astringent. A steaming-hot washcloth brings quick color to my cheeks. The make-up man inches the wig from my scalp. The wrinkled gown is folded away. My hair is brushed, my sweater buttoned, and refreshing drops are put in my eyes. I like what I see in the mirror now.

But I don't like who I am. My self-image has been slammed back into the wheelchair. How clever I've been at learning the art of masking the "handicap" part of my disability, whether with an attractive hairstyle, fashionable outfit, or a streamlined wheelchair with color-coordinated leather. But strip away all those props and stick me in a hospital gown with messy hair and a lifeless complexion, and my grip on life -- even paralyzed life -- seems lost.

Perhaps I am not so content after all.

I am glad when Jay, Judy, and I break out through the swinging glass doors at the end of the day. The sun has dropped behind the Hollywood Hills, flattening them to a one-dimensional shade of maroon. The bottoms of the clouds are underlit in pink and mauve, an effect the gaffer would love.

"That's a print!" Jay points to the sunset.
"That's a print!" adds Judy. Laughing at the
a part of us, we head for

We resolve to leave work behind and visit a nearby shopping center. Light relief from the heavy pressure of the shooting schedule. Something ordinary and everyday to get us back in the real world. Yet as we wheel and walk through the mall, we jabber about the film. People we like on the crew, amateur criticism of wardrobe and set design, reviews of the latest rushes. We find it difficult to leave the movie world behind. And who could blame us? We are a secretary and two farm girls come to town.

"Let's choose a salad place for dinner," I suggest. Jim Collier has asked that I lose a few pounds for the remaining hospital scenes. "No dessert for me."

"Hey! I've got an idea," Jay says. "We just passed a T-shirt place. You know, where they print anything you want on the front?" She waves for us to follow and then disappears into the store.

I stop at the front window to look at the shirt styles, colors, and slogans. In a short while Jay comes out and announces. "You now have the perfect answer for those guys on the crew who keep stuffing donuts in your mouth." She holds up a T-shirt that reads "DON'T FEED ME!"

"And you're not the only one who needs to lose weight," she adds, whipping another T-shirt out of the bag. It reads "OR ME." Judy stands behind her displaying a big grin and one more shirt that says "NOR ME."

We giggle our way through supper on leftover movie adrenaline, guessing the crew's reaction to our silly shirts.

Behind the smile, however, I calculate calories; a salad, no dressing; no cream in real coffee. No breakfast tomorrow. No donuts at the studio. Maybe a light lunch and no dinner tomorrow evening.

I am not hungry anyway. I live on energy.

I am becoming obsessed with myself.

I force my eyes to make contact with the young boy sitting rigid and upright in a body cast.

A metal halo bolts into his skull, keeping his neck stabilized as it heals. The fluorescent light of the occupational-therapy department washes any color from his skin. I angle my chair closer to his side. Still, with his head fixed forward, he must strain to see me from the corners of his eyes. He smiles and weakly lifts his thin arm in a greeting.

"They tell me you're filming here today." His voice cracks.

"Yes, I am. I mean, we are. They're making a movie about my diving accident and rehabilitation and stuff." I try to sound casual, to include him, to make myself "one of the guys."

I notice his arms and hands are supported by an overhead sling attached to the back of his wheelchair. He must feel so bulky, I think to myself, like some sort of mechanical contraption. I back up my chair so he can see me better.

"You're moving your arms. That's a good sign," I offer.

"Yeah, they've got me in O.T. to do some work." He points to a painted ashtray with the brush a therapist has taped to his armsplint. The table beside us is strewn with newspapers splattered with red and yellow. A Mason jar holds colored pencils and brushes. Several other chalky ashtrays and candy dishes are organized neatly, waiting for the kiln.

I look around the table and smile at the other young guys working on projects. Some look up and grin. A few study me suspiciously. Others seem not to notice me, their lifeless eyes and tired expressions fixed on weaving a potholder or painting a dish.

"You were here at Rancho, huh?" one paraplegic asks as he wheels away from the table to get another jar of paint.

"Yes. About ten years ago, though." I try to spot a familiar face among the therapists. "Lots of things have changed."

I am uncomfortable. All our movie paraphernalia and personnel seem an intrusion into the private lives and pain of these patients at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. The fellows know they are about to be filmed. Some are interested, while others shrug their weak shoulders indifferently. I want to put everyone -- them and me -- at ease. I explain that this film will help others understand the everyday difficulties people like us face.

I am to be filmed against the backdrop of the fellows at the table. Along with them, I am to "learn" how to do as much as I can with what little I have left. An actress playing the part of a therapist is to teach me how to write with a pen between my teeth.

I'm glad that they do my make-up and wardrobe in the dressing-room trailer in the hospital parking lot. I don't want to be made-up in front of the young boy in the halo cast.

A knock on the trailer door tells us that filming is about to begin. I power my wheelchair back over the cables into the O.T. room and take my place at the easel. The young black actress who plays the part of my therapist resembles the real woman from my past. But then every prop and person in this film is reminding me of too much already.

Slab of clay is thrown down on table by Joni's easel.

JONI: "You gonna throw that at me?"

THERAPIST: "I want you to draw something on it."

JONI: "You gotta be kidding."

Therapist has two sticks in her hand.

THERAPIST: "Draw something you like. Use these."

JONI: "It won't work. I used to do a lot of sketching in charcoal. My father's sort of an artist. But that was when I had my hands."

THERAPIST: "The skill, the talent, comes from up here." (*Points to her head.*) "With a little practice you can do as well with your mouth as your hands."

The lens focuses tightly on me as I take the stick in my mouth and press it into the soft clay. I carve

a line that wiggles and worms its way across the surface, and I try hard to control the shaking. The frightening part is I'm not acting. Every tense muscle in my neck, every raw nerve communicates directly through the stick onto the clay. I want to relax. I'm afraid that others will know I am not pretending to be a novice with the mouthstick. Thankfully, I hear someone say, "Cut."

"Is that real enough?" I ask the director.

I shake my head to clear the scene from my head, then slowly turn my neck, tilting it back and forth to relax tightness. This is another bit of filming I am relieved to see finished. Too many real things caught up in movie things.

During break I wheel outside to the therapy courtyard. Some brawny fellows in wheelchairs are playing a fast game of basketball. I watch them for a few moments and then wheel over to a group of girls in wheelchairs. They are smiling and chatting under the shade of some palms. The group looks friendly and inviting. I want to get over these stupid feelings of uneasiness and awkwardness. I battle to come up with a conversation opener.

"You're Debbie Stone, aren't you?" I say to a smiling girl whose wheelchair is stickered with a plastic "Because He is God, Jesus Lives Yesterday, Today and Forever."

"Yes, and you're Joni," she says, reminding me that we met earlier. World Wide has asked Debbie to round up people in wheelchairs for several movie scenes. I had forgotten that her permanent place of work is here at Rancho, collecting information and preparing patients for the outside world.

Debbie's disability is obvious -- polio at a young age. She sits upright with her brown hair cascading down her small bent body. She smiles her way through an incredible story of abandonment, adoption, rejection, hospitals, and rules and regulations.

Debbie is the first disabled person I've ever met with such an upfront testimony in the midst of an irreligious environment. I can tell that she tries to spread good news around this cold and impersonal institution. She is an oddity in this place, but everyone likes her.

"You met the guys in O.T.?" she asks, turning the conversation away from herself.

"Yes." I nod and then add, "Things in occupational therapy haven't changed much . . . potholders and paints and stuff. But those guys seem to have a good attitude about it."

Debbie's smile fades. "Well, not all of them. Did you meet the boy with the halo cast?"

I nod again.

"His parents don't want anything to do with him. He broke his neck in a motorcycle accident, driving when he was drunk. They figure he got himself into this mess, so he can get himself out." She sighs and shakes her head.

I wince and look toward the window of the therapy room. I wish I had said more to him.

"And the good-looking paraplegic? His wife just filed for divorce. I've tried talking to him about God, but he just won't listen. He's losing himself . . . in pity. In drugs."

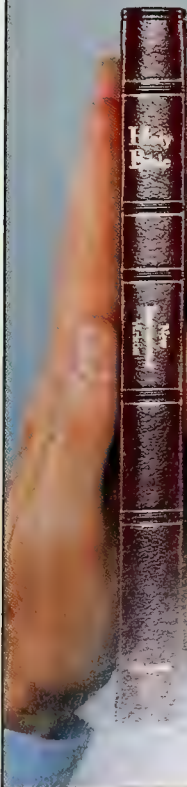
I stare at the therapy room windows. The stories she relates are strikingly similar to many I heard when I was at Rancho as a patient years ago. But they didn't touch me then as they do now.

Debbie picks up on my mood. "Joni, you wouldn't believe the problems most handicapped people face. Spiritual struggles, yes. But down to earth, practical problems too."

Debbie is doing what I would like to do. In a real world, in a real way, she is helping people see Christ. No masks here.

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Dr. John Davis, president of Grace Schools in Winona Lake, IN, visited Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries on March 10. He spoke at early morning staff devotions, in older students' chapel, and, with Angie Garber, visited in the homes of some of the Navajo people.

Dr. Davis is pictured with Pastor Tully and Mary Butler. The Butler's sons, Daron and Dino, are students at the Winona Lake schools. Daron is a junior in Grace Theological Seminary. Dino is a junior in Grace College.

DEATHS

BEECH, JOHN C., 74, March 6, 1988. He was a faithful member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA, and was mayor of West Kittanning for the last 13 years. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

ESHELMAN, SHERRI LEE, 21, February 19, 1988. Sherri Lee was killed in an automobile accident. She was a student at Messiah College and a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, PA. John Gregory, pastor.

FESSENDEN, SELENA, 91, January 24, 1988. She was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

GRILL, ED, 68, December 8, 1987. He was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, and father of Drs. Steve and Mike Grill who serve on

the faculty of Grace College. Charles Ashman, pastor.

KREIMES, ROY, February 18, 1988. He had pastored churches in Lake Odessa, Michigan; Accident, Maryland; Danville, Ohio; and Meyersdale and North Buffalo in Pennsylvania. A memorial service was held in the church they attended in Concord, North Carolina.

MAYER, MARGARET, 56, January 30. She was a sister of Jesse Deloe and a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana. Charles Ashman, pastor.

NONNEMACHER, HARRY, 67, October 20, 1987. He was the father of Harry Nonnemacher, Jr., who is pastor of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA, and a member of the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church, Bethlehem, PA. David Hitchman, pastor.

OVER, PAUL, 74, December 11, 1987. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church, Bethlehem, PA, and served in a number of capacities. David Hitchman, pastor.

REED, KENNETH P., 37, January 17, 1988. Kenneth was killed accidentally on his way to work. He was a faithful member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Everett, PA. Timothy Boal, pastor.

WILT, KENNETH, E., 85, January 27, 1988. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1955 and pastored the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA, and later served as pastor at the Jenners Grace Brethren Church, Jenners, and the Grace Brethren Church of York, PA, and was instrumental in the starting of churches at Dillsburg and Gettysburg, PA, during his retirement. A memorial service was held at the Hope Grace Brethren Church, Dillsburg, PA.

MARRIAGES

HUFF: Donna Fluke and Bradley Huff, November 21, 1987. Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

INNES: Cathy Boyer and Dave Innes, October 24, 1987, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

RABER: Linda Pietzsch and Jeffrey Raber, January 9, 1988, Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, OH. Pastor Rick Nuzum performed the marriage ceremony.

SPANGLE: Patricia Barger and Brian Spangle, October 17, 1987, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

STROHSCHN: Marilyn Austin and Carl Strohschein, Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, Indiana. Ronald Manahan, officiating pastor.

YODER: Janet Gibson and Tom Yoder, December 27, 1987, in the Jenners Grace Brethren Church, Jenners, PA. Max DeArmey, pastor.

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NEWS UPDATE

Pastor Randy Smith has accepted the call to become the full-time pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Myers, FL.

Paul Mutchler has resigned as senior pastor at the Fort Lauderdale, FL, church, but will continue temporarily as the school administrator.

Dwight Cover has moved from Alaska and is now pastoring the Grace Brethren Church in Grandview, WA.

Bob Lookabaugh is the new youth pastor at the Patterson Grace Brethren Church in Roanoke, VA, working with Pastor Ron Thompson.

Two men -- **Brian White** and **Al Reilly** -- were approved for ordination by the Southern Ohio District examining board.

The Bible Brethren Church of Glendora, CA, has changed its name to **Cornerstone Bible Church**. Don Shoff, pastor.

Stephan Edmonds has accepted the call to be senior pastor at the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He had been serving as associate pastor.

Calling all Brethren in South Jersey! Since Mt. Laurel Grace Brethren Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ, has withdrawn from the Fellowship, a few of the Brethren in that area are still meeting on a twice-weekly basis.

This group would like to extend an invitation to any other Brethren living in the area to join them. Contact should be made with Charles Conner, 9 Payne Ave., Runnemede, NJ 08078 (Tel. 609/931-6626), or Charles Wood, 609 Deven Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057 (Tel. 609/235-2258).



Building Dedication

The Community Grace Brethren Church of Everett, PA held their new building dedication on March 6, 1988. Rev. Charles Martin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, PA, and chairman of the West Penn District Missions, was the special speaker.

Max Fluke of Warsaw, IN, served as superintendent of construction for the design and main frame portion. The new facility is a 13,800 square foot combination worship center, fellowship hall, Christian education complex, pastor's office, and staff offices. Seating for 250 persons is provided in the sanctuary. Much of the finish work was done by volunteer help from within the church. Total cost of the project was \$300,000 with an additional \$70,000 in donated labor.

Mrs. Mae Kempton, member of the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale since 1963, celebrated her ninetieth birthday on April 6. She has served faithfully over the years in many ministry areas, and is currently active as deaconess emeritus, weekly folds the church bulletins, and serves wherever else possible.

William Byers, 3039 Hidden Forest Court, Marietta, GA 30066, has resigned from his position as Southern Field Secretary for the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, effective June 1, 1988.

Starting June 1, Mr. Byers will serve as a *missionary* in church growth. This would include

helping on an interim basis, as the Lord leads, and assist in the needs of the churches of our Fellowship. It is also his intent to help develop new churches in metropolitan areas through various telemiristry methods.

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Record Setting At A Cost!

Is My Name Written There?

by Charles W. Turner

Ever hear of Dhananjay Kulkarni? Probably not, and maybe you would place him on a sports team as the guy who kicks the field goal or the extra point after a touchdown. He is a fellow who is in the Guinness Book of Records with two more records pending. He is not only **in** the Guinness Book of Records, it is reported that he **ate** one!

How about these feats for attention getters? He drank 194 cups of tea in four-and-a-half hours. In 1977 he ran 112 miles in 24 hours. He has leaped off an express train, stood on one leg for 35 hours, spoken nonstop for 15 hours, and eaten 5.7 pounds of different types of glass.

If you are not impressed by these accomplishments, then think about the idea of jumping over Niagara Falls. It has not been done, but Mr. Kulkarni thinks he can do it.

This is someone you would call an unusual person and I am certain that he has attained accomplishments that you have no desire of matching. Yet, there are countless persons who want to be recognized and have someone just know they exist. It is a pity that such extreme means must be sought when it is possible to be recognized for what we are.

The question is: "Exactly what is man and why does God place such a high value on each person?" Mankind is the highest work of God's creation . . . literally created in the likeness of God and having an eternal soul. That

makes us something special in the world, for there is no other creation that is in the image of God.

Now the problem: It is the failure of man to live according to the commandments of God. This failure is sin and the sin is against the person of God. To get into the record book there are some necessary steps to be taken. The true value of man is to be found in correcting the problem of sin.

Mankind is the highest work of God's creation.

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he has the New Birth or Salvation. This New Birth is a spiritual transformation which starts the Christian Life in which we grow mature and learn obedience to the Scriptures.

The New Birth puts you in the record book. John tells us about the record book in Revelation 21:27, "*but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*" They are the ones who will enter into the city of God. In Philippians 4:3, Paul identifies some folks who will go into the book of life: "*along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.*"

The Guinness Book of Records will come and go and mankind will do some unusual feats of skill and activity. I cannot deny the abilities of the doers, but even more I admire the blessed ones who consent to God's will, confess their failures and have their names entered into the book of life. ■



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We Are the Church

The Church

by Raeann Hart

*The church is not just a building
constructed of wood and stone.
It's the body of believers
who have made Jesus their own.*

*Christians living around the world
all share God's Holy Spirit,
believe in Christ who died that we
eternal life inherit.*

*The businessman, secretary,
the plumber, mother, workman,
the pastor, teacher, and student
can have one thing in common
with the tiny, starving children
on another continent;
an eminent physician and
the company president.*

*For each one can know the Savior
whose death on Calvary's tree
proclaimed the victory over
sin and death to set us free.*

*The Love we receive from Jesus
can flow through us to others
making people around the world
our sisters and our brothers.*

Built on a Firm Foundation

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each should be careful how he builds. **For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

Paul writing to the Corinthian church
I Corinthians 3:7-17 (NIV)

The Church is The Body of Christ

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free -- we are all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where should the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

I Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV)

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have called us your body, your temple. Lord, we stand in awe of this privilege and responsibility. We are not worthy to be your children, yet you have adopted us into your family. Lord, please give us your strength to live fruitful lives as a part of your church, your body of believers. Help us to encourage each other and spur each other on to do good works for your glory.

Help us to always keep our foundation firmly set upon Jesus Christ. Help us to build on that foundation with your Word, not with the pleasures of gold and silver or the material possessions that this world has to offer. Please forgive us when we fall short and help us to keep our treasures laid up in heaven where rust will not corrode them. We can take nothing into eternity with us except the other members of your church. Lord, help us to bring your saving message to others to build your church both in numbers and maturity of believers.

Amen

The Central African Republic Missionaries and Nationals in Balance

by Tom Stallter

A Land of Economic and Cultural Change

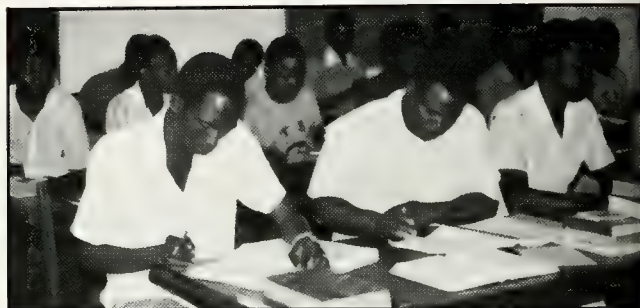


The Central African Republic is one of the developing countries of the third world continent of Africa that in many ways is not developing. Its economy is poor and riddled with graft. It is one of the most expensive places in the world to live. In the midst of this struggle to survive financially, the average Central African is face to face with the shock of the rapid infiltration of Western thought and values. There are some wealthy Africans among the rich foreign element in the country, but the average Central African who only makes \$190.00 per year cannot comprehend how it is possible that his fellow countrymen could have televisions and Mercedes cars. The youth in the capital city and other large centers dress like American blacks and have given up the traditional cultural values. Many of them resent the way their parents live and think.

GBFM team in CAR

Gary and Jean Austin, Bob and Lois Belohlavek, Rosella Cochran, Mary Cripe, Dave and Karen Daugherty, Diana Davis, Martin and Bev Garber, Mary Ann Habegger, Jim and Martha Hines, Jim and Faye Hocking, Margaret Hull, Howard and June Immel, Cheryl Kaufman, Paul and Berta Kuns, Harold and Margaret Mason, Eddie and Linda Mensinger, Carol Mensinger, Dan and Mary Lou Moeller, Margie Morris, Tom and Sue Peters, Bob and Denise Skeen, Tom and Sharon Stallter, Marian Thurston, Evelyn Tschetter, Janet Varner, Mike and Amy Volovski, Tim and Jan Waggoner, Jack and Marilyn Wainwright, Lois Wilson, and Barb Wooler.

Meeting The Challenge



GBFM, in the midst of these economic and cultural challenges has unbelievable opportunities for ministry. In response to the great needs that the changing culture and growing church present, we are training Africans now on a Master of Divinity level at Brethren Biblical Seminary. Graduates are proving to be capable and godly leaders in the fellowship of 567 churches. The Bible Institute has also up-graded their curriculums to meet the changing needs of the local churches. Though the Bible Institute is almost 100% Africanized, the Seminary is still in need of missionary help.

Working with youth in the capital and larger towns of CAR is high on our priority list, but few have volunteered for the challenge. One of the greatest problems in working with youth in the country is keeping the groups for evangelism and discipleship small enough to be manageable. The opportunity is limitless in a society that provides very little else for distraction.

The Light Shines in the Darkness

The animism of the Pygmies and the Islamic beliefs of the Mbororos (Fulanis) have chained these people to darkness. In 1988, our team will see that the light will shine as never before in these dark corners of the earth. We realize we are attacking one of Satan's strongholds and need your prayers for us in this spiritual battle.



Church Development: Team Work in Ministry

Alongside the large fellowship of local churches, GBFM missionaries serve as consultants to national organizations and assist in leadership training for pastors on the job. Missionaries meet with all National Boards to help in discussions and planning for the direction for the work. Missionaries take leadership training out to the different districts. National pastors and other church leaders agree that this is one of the strongest encouragements to correcting problems and gaining a sturdy, Bible-centered ministry in their churches. This is our plan for helping pastors meet the challenges of today in their ministries.



C.A.R. Facts and Figures

Population: 2,700,000

Area: 623,000 square kilometers

Economy: very poor and undeveloped due to the distance from the sea

Religious: Evangelical 28%, Tribal religions 9%, Moslems 7%, Roman Catholic 36%, Protestants 20%

Strategy: An Overall Look at GBFM in CAR

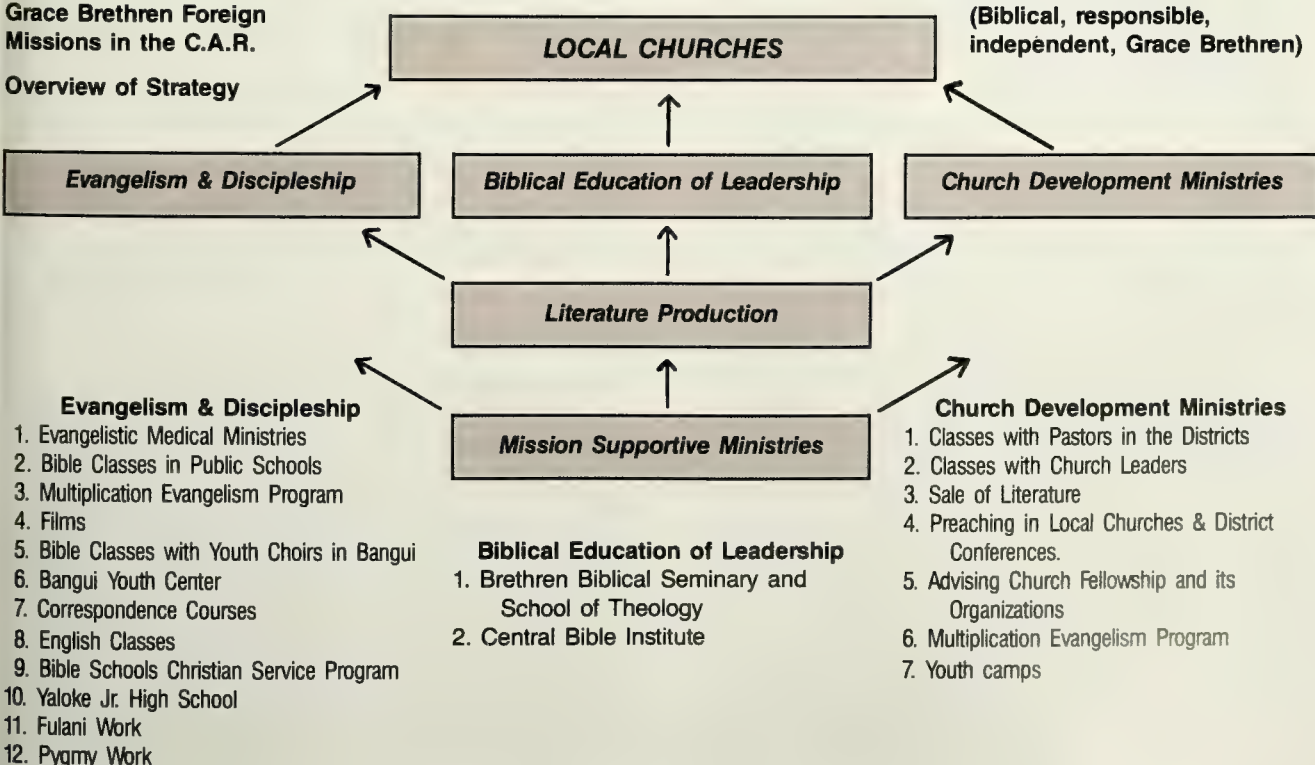
Our strategy for team involvement in the work boils down to three main areas of work: Evangelism and Discipleship, Leadership Training, and Church Development. Medical ministries, the Christian High School, and youth work in the cities fit under Evangelism and Discipleship. The Bible Institute and Seminary fit under leadership training. Classes with pastors and leaders in local churches fit under church development*. These three main areas of ministry are all supported by our team-work in literature. Many support roles are needed to see this all happen. Mechanics, secretaries, school teachers, dormitory parents, purchasing and business agents are all positions needed to see the strategy succeed.

There has never been a more exciting time for Grace Brethren ministries in the C.A.R. but we need you to join the team, whether on the field or in your local GBC, in order to continue to meet the challenges and see the advances of the Gospel into these dark corners of the earth.



Grace Brethren Foreign
Missions in the C.A.R.

Overview of Strategy



Foreign Mission News

Joining the Team



Sue Sewell, a native of Kokomo, IN joined the GBFM team recently as Accounts Payable Manager.

She is a graduate of Maconaquah High School and Ft. Wayne International Business College.

When not working, Sue and her husband, Brian, who is in the M.Div. program at Grace Seminary, enjoy walking and fishing.

A memorial gift was recently presented to GBFM by Tom and Unamae McDairmant in memory of Rev. Maxwell Brenneman.

Breakfast Challenge

GBFM would like to extend an invitation to everyone who will be at FGBC National Conference in Palm Desert, California to attend the Grace Brethren Foreign Missions Breakfast Challenge Hour on Wednesday, August 3. The breakfast, scheduled for 7:15 -- 9:00, will feature GBFM missionaries: the Belohlaveks; Volovskis; Carol Mensinger; Alice Peacock; the Ed Miller, Srs.; Steeles; Hoberts; Ruth Ann Cone; Viers; Peughs; Ramseys; Grahams; Huletts; Salazars; Nairns; Burks; and Nords. Come and hear as they share their "Heart to Change the World." For advance reservations, please send the following form with your \$5.95 payment by July 15. Tickets may also be purchased at the hospitality booth until Monday, August 1. All prepaid tickets can be picked up at the hospitality booth.

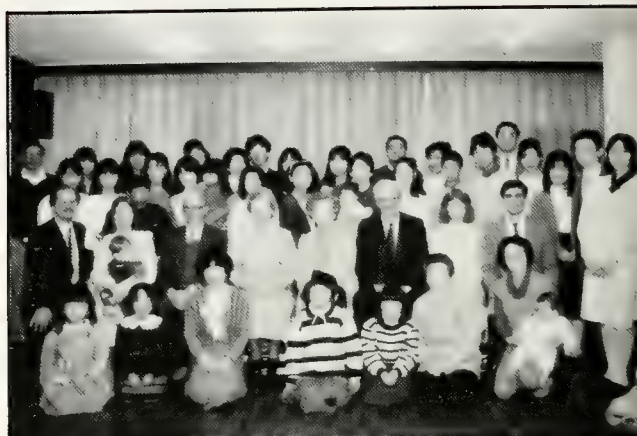
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Celebrating the First



The Tokyo, Japan GBC celebrated its first anniversary service on Easter Sunday with 28 Japanese adults, 10 Japanese youth, four missionaries; GBFM Executive Director Tom Julien and his wife, Doris; and Board member Wayne Beaver and his wife, Dorothy.

A Prayer Answered in a Child's Life

A year ago many were asked to pray for Tristan, infant son of Robert and Linda Booth, in the Stuttgart, Germany GBC. He had a rare blood disease in the cancer family requiring a year of chemotherapy. The last treatment was administered March 24 and the doctors are quite encouraged at his progress.

Says Roger Peugh, "He has had some up and down weeks and it's not always been easy. He has usually been able to make it to church in recent months and is really developing into a 'little man.'"

Roger showed the bulletins and prayer sheets from many churches in the U.S. where Tristan was mentioned to the child's parents. They were overwhelmed.

Since that time Linda asked if she could express her thanks. Here is a letter from her:

"Pastor Roger Peugh has given us this welcome opportunity to write a personal note. Many times we have been greatly moved to know how hundreds of people - unknown to us, but our brothers and sisters in Christ - have been with us in prayer through these past 12 months.

"We have been so encouraged and strengthened by the Lord's faithful answering of His people's faithful prayer. Tristan's treatment finished March 24th. The doctors are pleased with the results of the chemotherapy,

and we believe we may be hopeful that the disease will not recur, though a recurrence would not be impossible.

"We praise our Savior, who suffered unto death for us, that He alleviated the side effects of the chemotherapy in the later stages; Tristan seems to have no fear of the hospital or doctors, and has developed normally – a happy and courageous child, a source of much joy. It is hard to express thanks to every single person who has lovingly uplifted us in prayer. We are so very, very grateful. Our own prayer is that the Lord may richly bless you and reward you for such faithfulness and love."

Opposition from State Church



The Lutheran State Church district superintendent in Aalen, West Germany seems to be concerned by the presence of missionaries John and Becky Pappas and Edna Haak. He recently told them that general evangelism such as having a book table in the pedestrian zone or children's rallies would be acceptable, but more direct efforts such as door to door evangelism would "infringe" on the work of the two state churches (Lutheran and Catholic). Since most people belong (on paper) to one of the two state churches, growth of the Grace Brethren church would mean a decline of the existing churches.

A Catholic priest in the area has also expressed opposition. He refers to the Grace Brethren as a "sect" because they do not accept infant baptism. This has resulted in three girls being forbidden to come to the children's meetings.

Burning Idols

Pedro Reyes, a 55 year-old Catholic shoemaker and father of seven grown children from Calumpang, Philippines was a follow-up contact from the Whitcomb prophecy rally, held at the Marikina GBC in June 1987.

Says missionary Ted Ruiz, "Pedro and I studied the Bible together for several weeks, but he told me that he did not finish grade school and studying the Bible was really difficult for him. But as we continued to study the Bible, Pedro's abilities to read, write, and understand scriptural principles increased!"

God was working in Pedro's life: changing attitudes, desires, and lifestyle. For instance, he regularly got up at 4 a.m. in order to read God's Word. He began to see the vanity of pursuing gambling, politics, and cock-fighting.



On August 7, 1987, he received Christ as his Savior.

Ted remembers, "One of the most dramatic changes I saw in his life was his desire to remove all idols from his house. To the Filipino Catholic, household idols are very sacred. They say that the idols help you worship God and bring good luck. To remove them would bring bad luck and disgrace the family.



"Pedro saw that these idols really had no value. They were worthless. One Saturday morning, a handful of us from the church helped Pedro load all of his idols and worship relics (several sacks full) into a van, drove out to some nearby hills, and burned them! It was a fragrant aroma to God as well as a blazing testimony to the community of God's life-changing power!"

Two of Pedro's children and his wife have recently become Christians.

How UNFRIENDLY Towards Visitors Are You?

by Tom Raabe



Let's take a quiz. Just eight, short, easy, multiple-choice questions geared to help you analyze one of the most important aspects of your church life. It's called, "How Unfriendly Toward Visitors Are You?"

I know it must sound odd to formulate a questionnaire with such an unconventional title -- in the negative and all -- but I think it's important that we deal in fact and reality. For that reason, I do not title the questionnaire, "How Friendly Toward Visitors Are You?," because friendliness toward visitors, to be frank, is an anomaly in many of our churches. Unfriendliness too often is the norm.

Don't get me wrong. Our church people may be the most affable, congenial, loving and caring people on earth, generally speaking. But, when they are assembled in the narthex of their churches following Sunday worship, something happens. Strange

faces, visitors, those not part of their circle of friends, suddenly are shunned or ignored.

It's true! Why else would large assemblies of loving, caring Christians feel compelled to actually appoint people whose sole function at Sunday services is to be friendly toward visitors? Why else would we commission squads of greeters to stand with their right hands of fellowship outstretched at every church door? If we didn't appoint people to do it, I'm afraid that too often it wouldn't get done.

We emphasize friendliness toward visitors in a myriad of ways: by the pinning on of special visitor name-tags, by the distribution of visitor-recognition packets, by visitor-introduction segments in our services, by the signing of guest registers and by weekly exhortations from our pastors calling for geniality and love to be exchanged among all in attendance, but especially to the visitors.

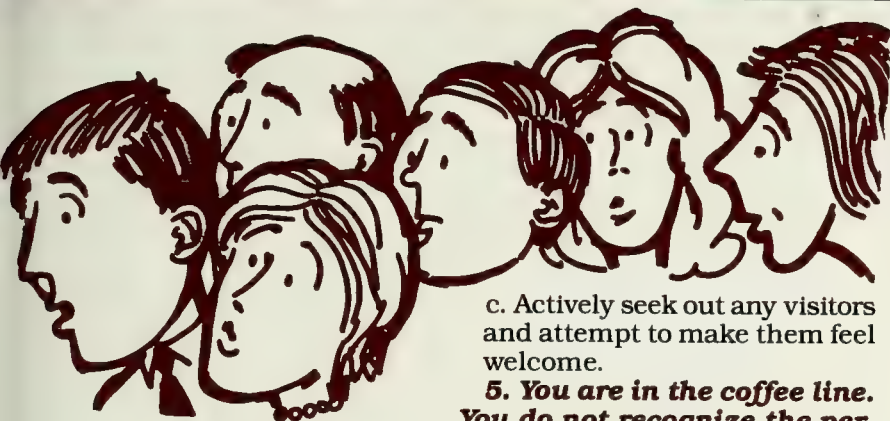
Yet, despite all this, a visitor

often stands a better chance of talking to somebody in the Gobi Desert at high noon on a summer day than he does of striking up a conversation in the church foyer following Sunday Worship. I know. I visit plenty of churches and when I walk out of most of them, I wonder if I forgot to use my deodorant.

One might even come to the conclusion that people *want* to be unfriendly toward visitors, that people are *happy* when they do not befriend visitors. Thus, the tenor of the questionnaire.

But enough preamble. Let's do it. One answer for each question. No time limit. You'll be glad at the end.

1. You are sitting in a pew with your spouse and six children, the youngest of whom is two, and each of whom has a hymnal and a worship folder of his or her very own. Next to your youngest, at the end of the



pew, sits a visitor. He has no hymnal, no worship folder and no idea whatsoever of what is going on. He looks lost, forlorn, befuddled. What do you do?

a. Point out a different pew to him where there are some hymnals available.

b. Tell him he can have the hymnal your two-year old is crayoning in, but he has to take it away from the tyke.

c. Give him your hymnal and guide him through the service.

2. When a visitor stands at your church to receive special recognition following the benediction, how do you greet that visitor?

a. You pretend you didn't notice he was a visitor.

b. You ask him to become a Sunday School superintendent.

c. You approach him after the service with words of welcome.

3. Visitors walking out of your church following Sunday worship feel like:

a. Low-order invertebrates.

b. Intruders at some invitation-only social gathering.

c. Valued and loved members of God's creation.

4. As soon as the benediction and announcements have been completed, and you have been dismissed by the pastor, what do you do?

a. Blow out the doors like you came equipped with booster rockets.

b. Hurry through the pastor's receiving line, and then chum up to your friends to swap the latest gossip.

c. Actively seek out any visitors and attempt to make them feel welcome.

5. You are in the coffee line. You do not recognize the person in front of you. He takes a cup of coffee and turns to look entreatingly toward you, hoping to strike up a conversation. What do you say?

a. "Make sure you put some money in the coffee kitty, bud. The stuff's not cheap, you know."

b. You say nothing, because you don't know whether he's a visitor. Shucks, you don't even know two-thirds of the members! And besides, being friendly to visitors is the greeters' job.

c. You say, "Let me get you a guest name-tag. Would you like to attend Bible class with me?"

6. Complete the following sentence. As far as a visitor is concerned, the chief difference between the lobby of my church following Sunday service and a busy New York City street at lunchtime on a working day, is that:

a. On the New York City street, some of the people might say "Hi."

b. On the New York City street, they don't wear name tags.

c. On the New York City street, a person is not surrounded by Christian brothers and sisters who will go out of their way to make a visitor feel like an integral part of the Christian community.

7. The greeters at your church:

a. Are too busy visiting with friends to notice any visitors.

b. Are afraid of strangers.

c. Recognize the importance of presenting a positive first impression of the church.

8. What measures would be necessary to get the people at your church to befriend a visitor following Sunday worship?

a. Dress the newcomer in a florescent-orange hunting vest with the word "VISITOR" spelled out on front and back in 5-inch-high letters and stand him in a roped-off area in the middle of the narthex during the fellowship hour.

b. Issue him an oversized visitor's name tag and drag him up to the front of the church following announcements for an embarrassing special introduction.

c. Do nothing out of the ordinary, as people at your church naturally respond to a visitor with love and affection.

To tally your score, give yourself 10 points for every letter "a" you circled; five points for every letter "b"; and zero for every letter "c". Remember, we are trying to determine how unfriendly you are. Add your scores, then plug them into the following chart to find out where you stand on the unfriendliness index. If you scored:

60-80: You are extremely unfriendly toward visitors. You won't have to worry about seeing that visitor again!

40-60: You are unfriendly toward newcomers. It will be a while before someone breaks in to your post-service circle of conversation.

20-40: You are friendly toward visitors. Do others look at you quizzically?

0-20: You are extremely friendly. Look out! That visitor just might be back! ■



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What Do I Say?

by Judy Daniels

You've just heard that one of your friends may have cancer. Do you react in any of these ways?

1. *I don't know what to say, so it would be better if I don't say anything.*

Your friend probably didn't know what to say when she first heard either. The important thing is that you say something now, so that she knows you care about her. You don't have to say a lot. "I'm really sorry this happened, and I'm praying for you," can lift the spirits of someone who's burdened by a problem. No matter what the problem is -- health, divorce, job loss, death -- just knowing someone is thinking about you and praying for you makes it easier to bear.

2. *She probably doesn't want to think about it. If I say something it will make her feel worse.*

You're right about the first part, she doesn't want to think about it. But she does anyway. It's the first thing she thinks about when she wakes up in the morning, and she falls asleep thinking about it at night (if she can sleep at all). If you say something to her at least she'll know you're not ignoring her. Now she'll know someone's going through it with her. They already feel alone. Don't ignore them and make it worse.

3. *I don't know why this happened, so what can I say that will help?*

More likely than not, your friend doesn't know why it happened either. None of us knows why God works in certain ways and we aren't capable of knowing what He has in mind or what His timetable is. But we do know He loves us, knows all about our problems, and He's taking care of us and doesn't forget about us. You don't need to explain the problem or preach a sermonette to your friend. Just a few sincere words are all that's needed.

4. *I don't know how she'll react if I say something.*

Chances are, she'll do better than you think. It can be unsettling to talk to a friend about something serious -- and it's easier to just avoid it. But it's not the best thing for her -- or for you.

So what's the point? Just this: all around us, some pretty sad things are happening to people we know. If a relative or friend is going through a hard time, don't ignore the problem and act as if nothing is happening. Just a simple word or two (in private) or a phone call or note to that person shows them that you care.

The fact that you acknowledged your friend's problem in the beginning may give you an opportunity to help her later or lead her to Christ if she's not a Christian. There will be times that she won't feel like talking, but there will be other times that she'll need to and you'll know that -- if you're sen-

sitive to the situation and a good listener. She probably just wants to know you're there if she needs you.

And one other thing: once you've told her you're praying for her, think what you can do to help. In almost every situation, something can be done. Children can be taken care of, meals brought in, financial help given (even anonymously), visits made, etc. A little creative thinking can produce a lot of helpful ideas.

So what does this have to do with WMC? It has everything to do with Women Manifesting Christ and that's why we're supposed to be in WMC. What good are we if we act concerned about someone 4,000 miles away on a mission field, but after the meeting we ignore the person sitting beside us, whose husband just left her. There's no reason we can't be involved with both our neighbors -- the one overseas and the one next door. Some women do a great job with this, but a lot of us just need to be reminded once in a while. ■

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Mount Climbing 1987-88 Giving

Fourth Quarter
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**WMC Operation and
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National Goal
\$8,000

Memory Passage --
Matthew 5:3-12

West Penn District

The following quotation appeared in the West Penn District WMC Spring Rally booklet.

Homemakers are very conscious of the value of vitamins in the food that is daily prepared in their kitchens and served to their families. Since we have heard of vitamins and balanced diets, women have tried to follow the rules for better meals. What wonderful vitamins were in the meal Jeremiah describes when he wrote, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy, and rejoicing of mine heart." Jer. 15:16

What are some of the vitamins in the word of God? What are the ingredients that will help our spiritual diet?

Vit. A -- Assurance (Heb. 6:11; Col. 2:2)

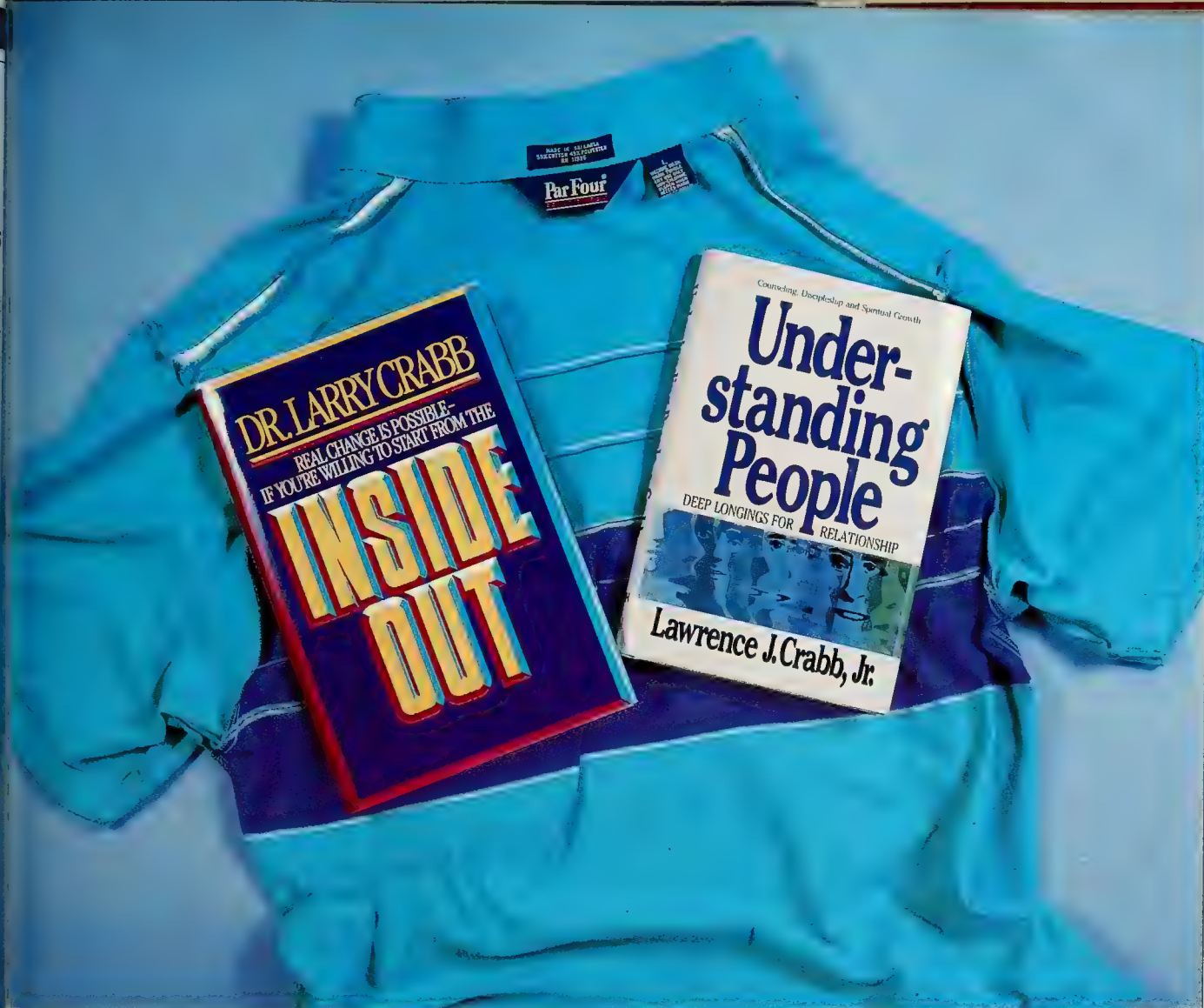
Vit. B -- Brotherly Kindness (Rom. 12:10; Heb. 13:1)

Vit. C -- Courage (Ps. 27:14; Deut. 31:6)

Vit. D -- Diligence (II Cor. 8:7; II Peter 1:5)

Vit. E -- Everlasting Life John 5:24; Luke 18:29-30)

submitted by Ruth Barndt



Books by Dr. Larry Crabb

Real change may not be what you think it is. It is more than simply going to church, reading the Bible, teaching Sunday School, or being nice.

It has everything to do with facing the realities of your own internal life and letting God mold you into a person who is free to be honest, courageous, and loving. "Only Christians have the capacity to never pretend about anything," says Larry Crabb.

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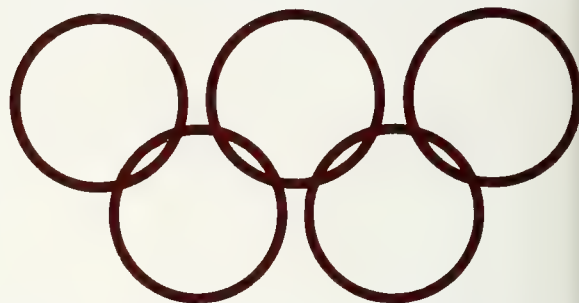
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The Totality of Our Task

by Ron E. Thompson
President, Board of Evangelism



The intense competition and the achievements displayed at the Winter Olympics were a refreshing break from the usual, run-of-the-mill TV fare. Here were the top athletes of the nations of the world, giving their best to win a medal for their country. Athletic events require that participants give 100% of themselves in order to be a medalist. This is also true in the spiritual realm. God has given us His written Word. It is not 90% correct and 10% doubtful, or else we could never be certain what to believe. All Scripture is the result of the creative breath of God (II Tim. 3:16). The Bible teaches that all men are lost and face certain death and judgment, but it also informs us that Jesus died for all. His blood cleanses from all sin. So there is a completeness, a totality that permeates God's written revelation.

Are there times when "all" does not mean "all"? Yes. When the Bible says Jesus healed all of the multitudes of the sick who came to Him, it means only in a relative sense, not everyone living! But when we consider the Great Commission as found in the Gospels and Acts, there is no escaping its all-inclusiveness. There is a sense of totality in these marching orders from our Commander.

Consider in Matthew 28:18 the **totality of His power**. Some translations use "authority" instead of power. The two words are not exactly the same. It is possible to have power and yet lack authority to use it. Or, one may have authority and lack the ability to enforce something. But Jesus Christ possessed the perfect combination of power and authority. He has commissioned us to act in His name and by His authority. Like the believers at Pentecost, we can be endued with power from on high as we are filled with His spirit. We can do whatever it is God wants us to do for Him since Christ has all authority and power.

"Go ye . . ." was not given only to the disciples, but to all of us. So there is the **totality of His proclaimers**. The Spirit at Pentecost came upon all the believers, not just the apostles. The persecution in Acts 8:1,4 scattered believers and they went everywhere preaching the Word -- that is, except the apostles! It was not the apostles who were proclaiming, but the **laity** -- all of them. The idea that evangelism belongs only to the pastor and gifted few is not from the Bible. There is a universal priesthood of believers, but there is also the universal prophethood of believers! We are all involved.

There is no questioning the **totality of our parameters**. It is into all the world (Mark 16:15) and to every creature (Matt. 28:19). God has given us the Great Commission and the ability to carry it out as well. Christian, **you** are God's instrument. Our success is assured because it rests in God, not some method or tool. The mighty hurricane sweeps over an area affecting everything in its path, yet in the "eye" of that hurricane there is a calmness. We can win our World for Christ if we remember that the secret lies in our relationship to Him, and a quiet and utter dependence upon His Spirit.

The **totality of our proclamation** includes "all things" Christ commanded us (Matt 28:20). We are to declare the whole counsel of God. Our goal is not decisions, but disciples -- mature, responsible members of a local church. Our task is not completed until those who come to Christ are continuing in Christ.

Does all this sound impossible? It would be, if it were dependent on human resources. But Matt. 28:20 gives us the **totality of His presence**. The Omnipotent Savior will never leave nor forsake us! He will be with us until our mission is accomplished, even until the end of this present age.

The widow gave all her funds to the Savior. The disciples left all to follow Christ. Spiritual champions must give everything. The totality of our task demands that we give Christ our all. Are you totally involved in reaching your world for the Savior?



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Letters from Our Readers

Through the Bible

Many thanks to Jennie Sholly and the Brethren Herald for the factual article on AIDS (March 15, '88). Presented without hysteria or moralizing, it gave straightforward and unbiased information that we all need to know.

I have been involved for some months with an outreach to AIDS victims and their families in a conservative Northern California county. The unchristian attitude expressed by many of my fellow so-called Christians is appalling. Unfortunately, even some ministers of the Gospel cannot be excluded. Remarks like "they (AIDS victims) are only getting what they deserve" and "They're going to die anyway -- the sooner the better" have been the rule rather than the exception. Some of these victims are being cared for by their Christian families, yet in some instances the entire family has been ostracized by neighbors and church members.

Rather than supporting our County Health Department in its efforts to educate about AIDS, a group of fundamentalist church members has banded together to bring into the community a controversial speaker on "The AIDS Coverup?" (sic) who's main effort seemingly has been to stimulate fear and divert moneys into questionable political programs. This group impresses me as being more concerned about increased insurance and hospital costs than they are in minimizing the spread of the virus by realistic, educational programs.

My ministry is not church supported and I know of none in Northern California that is. But as a Christian, I am in a position not only to bring solace and support to these unfortunate individuals and their families, but also to witness of Christ's love and salvation. I feel this should be one of our prime concerns.

I pray our Brethren church members will not fall into the trap that is already dividing Christians in this county.

I think Rosene Dunkle said it all when she wrote:

*Jesus, make us unafraid to shed
with them a tear
To hold them close and love them; to
chase away their fear.
Give us Your compassion, Lord, to
love as they need love.
And lead them to the Savior, Jesus
Christ above.*

Franklin Zook
Chico, CA

I'm glad for the investment of yearly Bible reading since 1950. Now that I have a hard-of-hearing problem, familiar passages are easier to locate when I miss Pastor Dick Mayhue's references during his messages.

I never knew the value of that initial decision to read through the Bible each year. But now I treasure that decision greatly. A few years -- about 5-6, I failed catching up on a few chapters -- once 2 books. Otherwise, I've made it through each year.

Not only has the yearly reading enriched my heart, but I used that knowledge to put together my chalk stories since 1970 (in Taiwan and in the U.S.). May others find the joy that I have and its rich rewards.

Adeline Gordon
Long Beach, CA

On April 25th, 1988, I completed reading the Bible through for '88. Having begun on January 1st, I am surprised to have accomplished this in such a short time.

It has been 10 plus years that it has been my privilege to do this reading and many years found me "cramming" in December.

This year 4:00 -- 6:00 a.m. found me in the Word (devouring it) along with my prayer journal and mission lists.

Someone has written: "Just to sit before God -- adoring Him, communicating with Him -- enjoying Him -- that can't be rushed!!"

What now? Well, I'll continue verse by verse study of Proverbs and next take up Daniel. And when time permits during the day -- keep quoting my memory verses!

My commitment and anticipation for the day this year has been found in Psalm 5:3 *"In the morning, O Lord, Thou wilt hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch!"*

Ruth A. Shipley
West Alexandria, OH

In the Nov. 15th ('87) issue of the Herald you threw out a challenge to read through the Bible in 1988.

I have averaged reading through the Bible yearly for quite some time.

In considering your challenge, I thought, "Why not read through the Bible in six months rather than a year?" I began Jan. 1 to do just that. Then I thought, "why not in less than 6 months?"

I am happy to report that this morning (April 14th) I completed reading clear through and I will now begin to read through the second time in 1988.

I trust many of our people have taken up your challenge. **How can we know what the Bible has for us if we don't read it and see what the Lord has for us in it?**

Herman J. Schumacher
Warsaw, IN

Cultivating Meaningful Friendships

by Raeann Hart

When a crushing disappointment has flattened us, the comfort of a friend can lift us up. When we experience the joy of a special accomplishment, we feel even better when we have shared our excitement with a friend. When we are confused, a trustworthy friend can help us sort out our feelings. We are relationship-seeking people created by a relationship-seeking God. The most meaningful picture of our lives can be obtained by measuring our personal relationships.

Proverbs is full of examples of the importance of having friends. When several extremely successful and busy men shared ideas on a Focus on the Family radio program to discuss Burnout (the overwhelming result we experience when we have been overcome by the stresses of today), they all agreed that having friends was one of the most important ways to beat Burnout and combat stress.

The values of having friendships are more numerous than can be listed. Unfortunately, in the fast pace of the eighties, many of us have neglected the time and effort that it takes to nurture meaningful friendships. What is a friend, anyway?

A friend is one who is a trusted confidant to whom we are mutually drawn as a companion and an ally, whose love is not dependent on performance and whose influence draws us closer to God. Friendships should not be based upon what friends do together, but on a deep, caring concern for each other. *"A friend loves at all times."* Proverbs 17:17.

We all have different capacities for friendships. Men tend to have relationships that center around things they do and what they think. Women tend to have relationships that center around deep sharing and how they feel. Both men and women need friends and are more vital people when they have meaningful friendships.

There are several levels of friendships. The first level is that of acquaintances. We all have many acquaintances and this group includes everyone we know. The next level of friendship is our group of casual friends. These people are more important to us and are closer. The third level constitutes our close friends, who may be personal close friends and associates and include our mentor and working relationships. The fourth level is our intimate, best friends. These friendships take emotional energy and time. We may only have six to eight close friends in our lifetime, but these friends remain.

We can compare these four levels of friendships

to the people in Jesus' life. He shared himself with crowds of people (Level 1: Acquaintances). The 70 traveled with him and shared his life (Level 2: Casual Friends). The twelve disciples all shared a close friendship with Jesus (Level 3: Close Friends), but Peter, James and John became his most intimate friends (Level 4: Intimate Friends). These three men were chosen to climb the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and go to the Garden of Gethsemane with him to pray.

***It is important to have friends,
but only Christ can be our
perfect friend.***

Jesus had the same divine love for everyone He met and He died on the cross for all of them, but He spent more time and had a greater investment in His closest friends. They received from him and could return encouragement and affection to him.

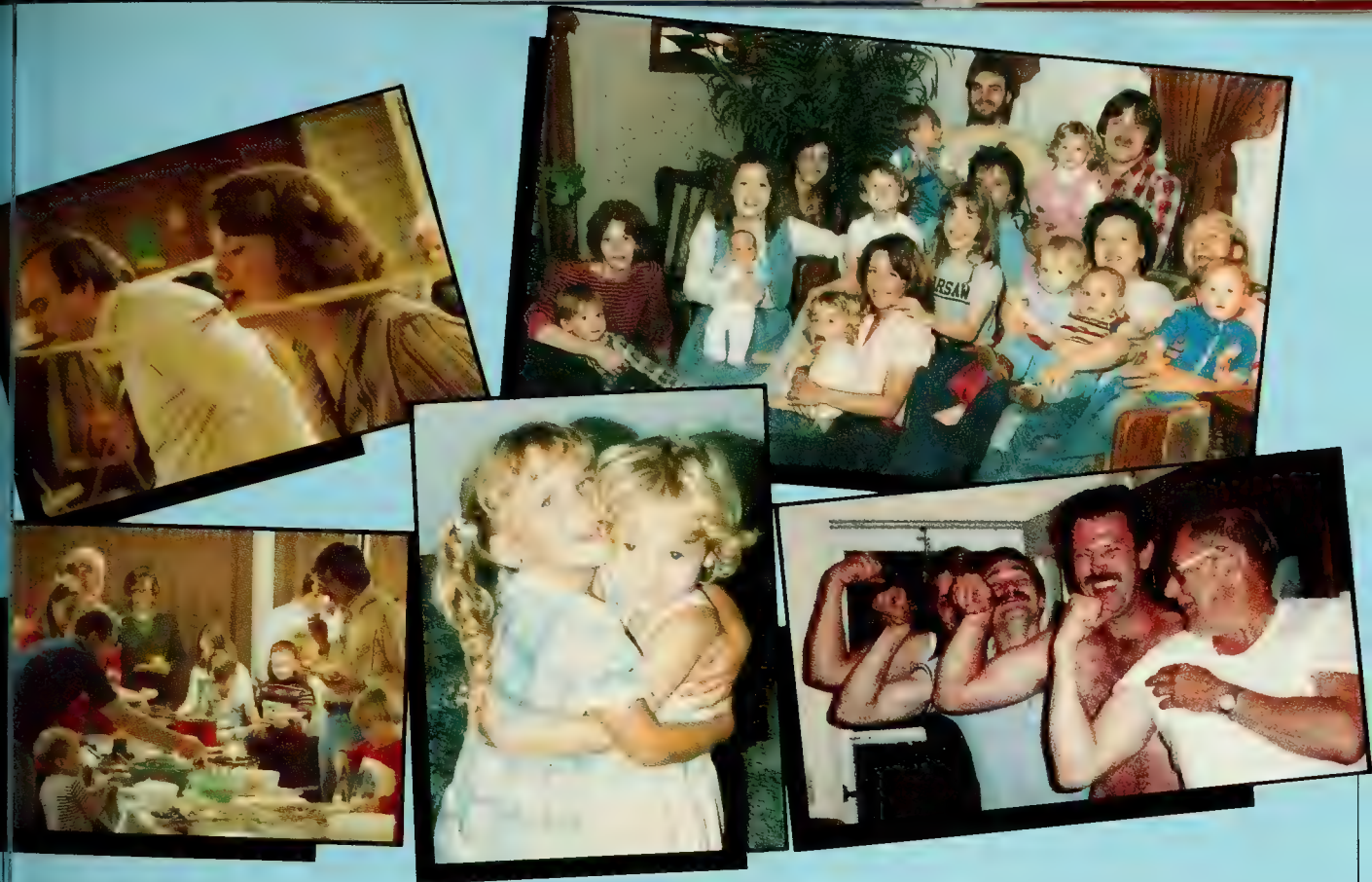
What are the qualities of a friend? **A friend is:**

**Loyal
One Who Shares
Fun
Stimulating
Encouraging
Self-Sacrificing
Loving
Spiritual**

These qualities list the ideal friendship and take **TIME** and **EFFORT**. We mentioned in our definition of a friend "the love of a friend is not dependent on performance", so our friendships are not discarded when our friends do not measure up to this list. People are human and are imperfect. Christ can be our only perfect friend and He fulfills all these requirements. Christ is loyal, He shares his life with us, His love is perfect.

A friend is loyal. *"He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends."* Proverbs 17:9.

A friend is one who shares. One-way, intimate sharing will not build an intimate friendship. Friends share their burdens with each other. Many of us find it extremely difficult to share anything of a deeply personal nature, because it creates a risk if our friends are not loyal. We are afraid that if someone really knows and understands our feelings they will not care for us. It does take a risk and a great effort to share our personal feelings



with our close friends, but this risk can bring great fellowship and even greater rewards. Christ lived a transparent life and He expects us to do the same.

A friend is fun. Some of our most memorable occasions are cemented in fun. God is the creator of every good thing. His Old Testament laws arranged for days of rest and times of festivity. The God who created giraffes and monkeys has also created our sense of humor. We need to have fun with our friends, times to enjoy God's creation and our ability to laugh and enjoy the life He gave to us.

A friend is encouraging and stimulating. *"Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel."* Proverbs 27:9. Paul encouraged his friends in Thessalonica to *"encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* I Thessalonians 5:11. **The ultimate goal of any friendship should be to build each other up in the Lord and be fully equipped to do the Lord's work.**

A friend is self-sacrificing. Friendships take time and nurturing. To be a friend means to invest a part of yourself with no guarantee that your efforts will be returned.

When you have a friend, you will cry when they cry and suffer when they are hurting. You will have to sacrifice your time to listen to their problems and share their joys. You may have to sacrifice your personal wishes when your friend needs something. It is a sacrifice to take food to a friend who is sick or spend time with them at the hospital or watch their children. The value of a friendship

can be measured in your willingness to sacrifice your time and feelings for your friends, however the rewards returned to you are well worth the investment.

The best friendships are loving and spiritual. When you have invested your time in building an intimate friendship, the Lord can use you both to build each other up and bring you both closer to the Lord. It takes a deep relationship to be able to handle and accept criticism, but we often need honest criticism to grow and we may only accept it when it is given from a close friend. We need to be accountable to someone and our closest Christian friends can share that accountability.

When I look back at the teachable moments in my life, I see that the Lord usually used close friends to point me to His Word to help me grow. I could accept their advice, because they had made a commitment of friendship to me. One of the wisest things my mother ever told me was to Love People and Use Things. She encouraged me to never switch those two around by loving things and using people. Cultivating meaningful friendships means to Love People, not to use them, to care about our friends because Christ wants us to, not just because we expect something in return.

What did Christ have to say about friendships? A passage from John 15:13-15 sheds a great deal of light on our position as Christ's friends. *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call*

you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my father I have made known to you." Friends will eagerly share with each other those things they have learned from the father through His word.

When John wrote his letter to Gaius (3 John) he also gave us a picture of an intimate Christian friendship. He wrote, *"To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health . . . you are faithful in what you are doing . . . do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God . . . I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face . . . Greet the friends there by name."* The tone of John's letter was encouraging. He wished his friend well and showed that he cared about him. He encouraged his friend to continue to be faithful and he inspired his friend to continue to imitate what is good. He pointed his friend back to God. He also looked forward to spending time with his friend in person to share with him.

impact on each other's lives. We cannot try to become like rocks or islands and maintain an isolation which will protect us from caring about others. The Christ who sacrificed His life for us to change us from enemies to friends expects us to build friendships to help others come to know Him better. Invest your time in cultivating meaningful friendships and the Lord will use your sacrifice to bring glory to Himself.

What joy to always be able to find our perfect friend in Christ. He is always willing to listen to us and His love is never ending and never failing. Christ has sacrificed more for us than any other friend ever could and His love will never fail. God gives us this message in Isaiah 41:10.

**"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**



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Good friends are not afraid to show genuine affection.

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted" Proverbs 18:24. *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."* Proverbs 27:17. God has chosen to use people to spread the gospel to other people. He has chosen friends to have the greatest



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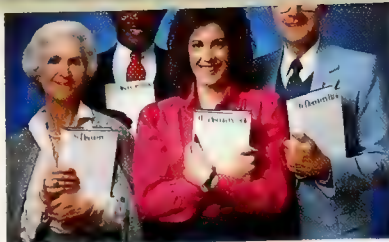
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Chery Otermat to Join National CE



Chery Otermat

After many months of prayer, Ed Lewis, executive director for CE, has announced Chery Otermat as CE's new Director of Girl's Ministries and Assistant Director of Short-Term Missions. Chery is a member of the Columbus, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church where she has ministered for the last nine years in the church's youth ministry. She currently coordinates the discipleship ministries for the GBC youth and is involved in their missions team. For 17 years, she has built a career as a speech pathologist.

Chery's experience with high school girls gives her a unique perspective of the "end product" CE desires in its SMM (Serving My Master) program. Three summers of short-term missions experience will help her manage CE's TIME program.

"Chery is an excellent choice for this ministry," says Ed Lewis. "We asked God for the best in leadership and waited patiently. Chery was our first choice and we are thrilled to see how the Lord worked."

Chery Otermat will begin with CE on September 1.

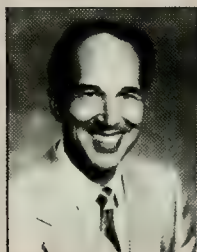
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The Babysitter

All American parents of children and youth eventually face the issue. Shall we go out to dinner tonight? What will we do with the children? Can we find a babysitter? Can we afford one? Maybe we can count on good old grandma and grandpa for the evening or overnight. Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! But what about the babysitter which parents use when they are at home? "What? A babysitter while we're home," you may shriek. "It costs enough to hire a babysitter while we are gone for the evening. Do you seriously think that we're insane enough to secure one when we're home?" Wait a minute, I'm not talking about a human sitter. In fact, the sitter of which I speak is already in most homes -- the TV.!

After a horrendous day at the office, at the shop or wherever; Mom and Dad stagger into the house -- having fought the great traffic jungle battle as they were homeward bound. As they collapse on the rocker-recliner they cry, "Just give me five minutes!" They actually mean five hours, but they know it will never happen. Meanwhile the children are engrossed in that after-school special which at least keeps them out of Dad's and Mom's hair. "Boy, what a relief it is to know that the children are watching TV. and not up to their necks in trouble," Mom thinks to herself as she catches forty winks. But is T.V. such an asset? That is, especially when it's not monitored?

Ms. Judy Price, the person in charge of the CBS children's programs and daytime specials, recently declared, "When it comes to issues affecting children, nothing is off limits." (see NFD Journal; September 1987, p. 2). The only concession Judy Price makes in program content is to assure that they contain nothing unacceptable to the Public School System, since such programs are often used for classroom educational viewing. Some of the themes that are targeted by Ms. Price are: teenage suicide, racism, social class discrimination, drug abuse, drunk driving, homosexuality, aids, the right to die, step-parents, death in the family and the existence of God. Such subjects are



usually unsolvable and extremely complex with adults, let alone the after-school group. They are also delicate subjects which are critical as to how they are presented and unfortunately they are exclusively presented with a humanistic bias. For example, homosexuality is depicted as a lifestyle via such statements as: "You can fall in love and you can be as happy as you want to be," rather than a perversion which can lead to a bleak existence and end.

Price entered the field of children's programming for a startling reason: namely "she could get more controversial subject matter past the network censors than with adult programming," (NFD Journal; Loc.cit.). Price said, "I could get away with more. I think we've broken a lot of ground where people would not have dared to go in prime time." The plain and obvious implications is that when parents are watching the set, they would profusely object to such content, but during dinner preparation or when Dad and Mom are catching those forty winks while the T.V. set is playing the role of babysitter -- anything goes. Can we afford that kind of unguarded carelessness?

NO ONE CAN AFFORD

by Rev. Glenn A. Miller



Another case in point involved the same network (CBS) and the very same Vice President of children's programming (Judy Price). Up until September 20, 1987, CBS was piloting a new television show based on the GARBAGE PAIL KIDS bubble gum cards. These bubble gum cards depict such self-destructive feats as a child cutting off his own head, another child poking her own eyes out, a child setting off firecrackers in his mouth, and a girl stuffing herself in a trash compactor. All of this warped action is pawned off as humorous. The message is strong and clear: life is treated on a low, self-destructive plane and "kids" are little more than garbage fit for a pail -- some kind of humor, isn't it? Like sick and kinky humor!

Mrs. Price denied the incorporation of the more bizarre acts on the T.V. version of the bubble gum cards, but her assurance that the program is "harmless" lacks any kind of credibility. Going by her past record, it is not her modus operandi to present "harmless" subject matter. At the very best it has been humanistic in content.

The most single aspect of the show that is totally

frightening is the fact that the seemingly normal characters possess the power to "trash out," according to Charles White, a journalist from Topeka, Kansas. This term means that whenever the child says, "Trash out," he or she magically assumes the identity of one of the characters on the cards. Anyone can immediately perceive the permanent psychological damage inflicted on a child who already possesses a dangerously low self image level. Other serious problems are: Since both the T.V. characters and bubble gum cards possess the same name, how will the children separate the message on the cards from that of the show? Or what will keep little sisters or brothers from inflicting acts of violence on each other?

Due to the uproar expressed by well-informed Christians and concerned citizens, CBS has finally decided to cancel the show, but they didn't cancel Ms. Judy Price. The same mind is at the helm of the CBS children's programming and you can be sure that this mind will continue to search and invent other avenues to "get away with more." Parents beware! Periodically break away from your preoccupations and check on what your children are viewing. Allow for that kind of inconvenient interruption in your life. It is always better to head such material off at the pass rather than to allow such T.V. viewing to go on unattended -- only later to reap a harvest of grief, wondering how could such a thing ever happen? Believe me, **you can not afford that kind of babysitter!!!** ■

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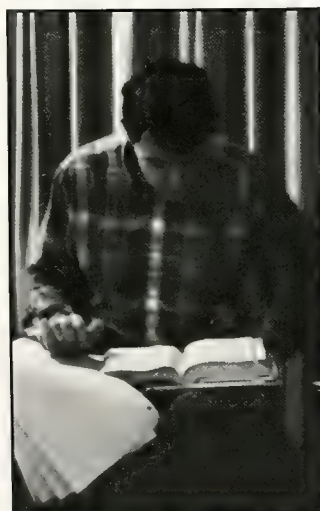
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Effective Shepherding

by Ron Smals

FLOCKS. The term evokes pictures of large groups of sheep grazing in a green pasture under the watchful eye of a shepherd. But at the Grace Brethren Church in Greensburg, PA, it is an acronym for a unique discipleship ministry and one that is effectively helping young Christians mature in their faith.

What are FLOCKS? Aside from the words from which the term comes -- **F**ellowship, **L**eadership, **O**utreach, **C**aring, **K**nowledge, and **S**ervice, discipleship FLOCKS are small group ministries which meet for several hours each week in different homes. Their purpose includes intensive Bible study through application and interaction, extensive prayer, fellowship, and caring.



Participants in the FLOCKS ministry are deeply involved in studying the Word.

FLOCKS is not a substitute for the pulpit ministry, but an aid to it. The small group can effectively accomplish that which is harder to achieve when the whole congregation worships corporately.

"The discipleship FLOCKS group provides unique opportunities which are not normally associated with traditional church services," says Bob Loose, who is involved in the ministry at the Greensburg Grace Brethren Church. "In addition to studying God's Word and learning how to become better disciples of Christ,

the FLOCKS group provides an informal atmosphere for developing a closer fellowship with other believers and provides an opportunity to freely discuss and pray about issues and problems. The FLOCKS ministry meets a unique need and is very relevant for this age," adds Bob, who is a nuclear engineer at Westinghouse.

Biblically, the pattern of the early church indicates that Christians met both as large groups in settings such as the temple or synagogue, and as small groups in private homes (see Acts 2:46

and 4:42). Both size groups met for the purpose of teaching, fellowship, and prayer, and together they served to form an effective local church ministry. Paul said to the elders of Ephesus, "*You yourselves know . . . how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house . . .*" (Acts 20:18-20).

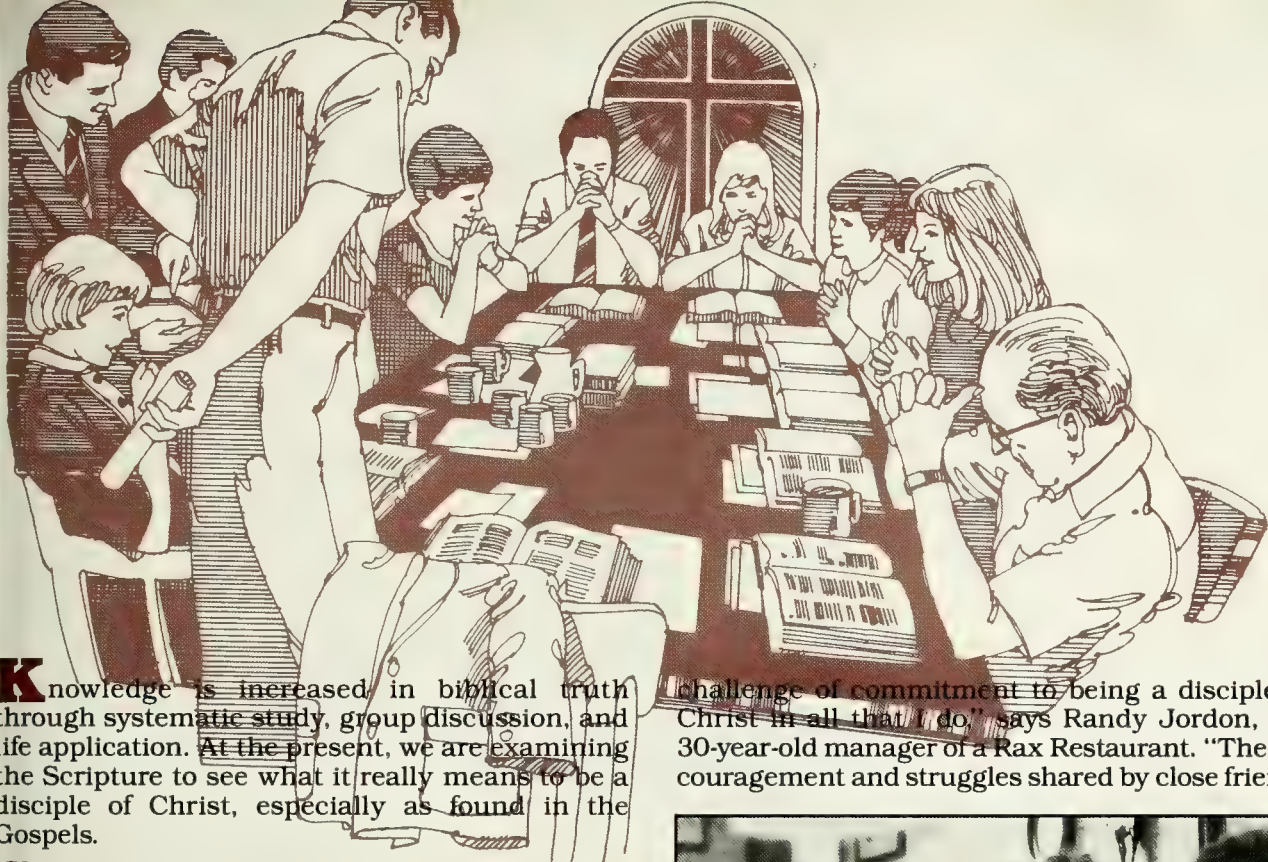
Each letter in the name FLOCKS stands for the goals to be accomplished in each group:

Fellowship is encouraged by providing opportunities for regular, personal interaction. This is something that is desperately needed in our very impersonal world. After facing a dog-eat-dog world throughout the week, FLOCKS provides the opportunity for fellowship with those who are like-minded.

Leadership surfaces as believers are exposed to intensive Bible study and observed as to faithfulness in ministry and spiritual growth. Paul told Timothy, "*And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also*" (II Timothy 2:2). FLOCKS provides an excellent environment to pass the Truth on to the faithful men.

Outreach is promoted through training in personal evangelism, as well as praying for the many unsaved contacts of each one in the group. Doug McClain, intern pastor at the Greensburg church who also works as a draftsman/engineer, observes, "I doubt that we would all be involved in sharing our faith to the extent we are if it were not for the testimonies, prayer requests, and encouragement we share with one another in FLOCKS."

Caring is stimulated as there is opportunity to become intimately involved in each others' lives through prayer and by caring for physical needs as they are made known. "FLOCKS has grown to be a very important part of my week," says Joyce Jordon, a housewife in her mid-20s. "We can share very personal prayer requests, struggles, and triumphs, as well as draw strength from each other, encourage each other and lift each other and the needs of our church up to the Lord in a very special prayer time."



Knowledge is increased in biblical truth through systematic study, group discussion, and life application. At the present, we are examining the Scripture to see what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, especially as found in the Gospels.

Service is advanced through continual contact with needs and ministry opportunities within the church body. FLOCKS provides the ideal situation for the believer in a niche or ministry suited for him or her.

What kind of impact has FLOCKS made on the lives of the people at the Greensburg Grace Brethren Church? As pastor, I have been thrilled to see the spiritual growth, as well as the compassion for the souls of men. Steve Martin, who was primarily responsible for beginning the work in Greensburg, gives testimony to the overall impact in his own life.

"Growing up in a minister's home and going to a Christian high school and college, I've been involved in many church functions, programs, Bible studies, and other vehicles to provide growth for Christians," he says. "But it hasn't been until recently that I have come to grips with my main objective as a believer. Through FLOCKS, I have been awakened to a spiritual growth that I have never known before."

Steve, who is a supervisor at PPG Industries in nearby Pittsburgh, goes on. "I have begun to comprehend what it is to be a disciple of Christ, to be a worshipper. Christianity takes on a whole new light when you begin to wrestle with passages that state, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and in the same way, any of you who does not give up anything he has, cannot be my disciple.'"

Another member of the Greensburg congregation who is involved in FLOCKS agrees. "The greatest influence FLOCKS has had on me is the

challenge of commitment to being a disciple of Christ in all that I do," says Randy Jordon, the 30-year-old manager of a Rax Restaurant. "The encouragement and struggles shared by close friends



Bob Loose and Karen and Ken Troutman listen closely during the Thursday night FLOCKS meeting at the Grace Brethren Church, Greensburg, PA.

each week is a reminder that we're all involved in the spiritual battle and we need to strive for unity as we grow together in Christ and daily fend off the darts of the enemy."

The spiritual battle does continue to rage in Greensburg as we strive to see souls saved for Christ. We are currently praying and sharing with more than 100 unsaved people in our city and surrounding communities. FLOCKS has been a means to enable us to effectively motivate believers to reach their world for Christ. It is not an end in and of itself, but it is an effective means to keep our focus on the true goal of "making disciples of all nations." ■

Aid to Others



by Darrel Taylor

Love. That's what we're all supposed to be about anyway, isn't it? Well, of course it is. And how good it is for me, a pastor, to see the sheep flocking together to aid other sheep who are hurting. Such was the case at the Down East Grace Brethren Church (Brunswick, ME) when Brian and Kathy Carter were in need.

One cold winter night, Brian's life was threatened in his own driveway by a gun-wielding assailant. Later that same night, he found his leg to be severely broken -- cause unknown. Because he was under the influence of drugs at the time, he had no idea how it happened.

In the weeks that followed, the Carter family was pulled in several directions. The end to home and family was in sight.

But God had other plans for them. He dramatically intervened and saved Brian from death on the operating table. Brian's soul was saved from eternal destruction and his family was saved from disintegration. Brian's testimony is that God had to break his leg to get his attention and He got it!

The people of the Down East Grace Brethren Church have had the joy of seeing the rebirth of life and hope in the lives of the Carters.

About the same time, there was severe flooding at the local paper mill. That, coupled with the leg fracture, kept Brian out of work for a long period of time. Here was a need and an opportunity for the church to serve.

The other sheep of the fold began to rally around



The Carter family found help from the members of the Down East Grace Brethren Church, Brunswick, ME in the time of need. They also found a Savior. Pictured are Brian and Kathy and their children, Michelle, 11, and Matthew, one.

the Carters with love and prayers and a surprise gift of \$535. What a joy it was to share with them and to see the effect of love in action. ■

Darrel Taylor is pastor of the Down East Grace Brethren Church in Brunswick, ME.

A Cure for Cancer

by Tom Hughes

I had been home in Albuquerque from the national conference of the FGBC for two days last summer when I received a phone call from the Long Beach (CA) Police Officer's Association. The voice on the other end of the line asked if I would conduct the funeral service of Officer Mike Trone.

The news of my friend and former colleague was a surprise. I inquired as to when he had died. I was informed he was still living, but it was only "a matter of time" before he would die. Officer Trone was terminally ill with cancer and was making the necessary arrangements for his pending death!

I agreed to conduct the service and as I hung up the phone, I began to reflect upon my friendship with Mike. He was a friend and an outstanding policeman, but his private life left much to be desired. To my knowledge, he was not a Christian. The thought suddenly hit me -- if there isn't some kind of contact with Mike before he dies, he'll be on his way to hell!

Hurriedly, I called back the Long Beach Police Officer's Association and got Mike's home phone number and address.

I dialed his number and a woman identifying herself as Candy answered the phone and connected me with Mike. After we enjoyed some small talk, I told him that I'd like to come visit him.

His response was negative, mentioning that he wasn't a "religious person" and that it would be too much trouble to come all the way to California to see him. I said I wanted to talk with him personally, to have more than "police work" to discuss at his memorial service.

I held my breath. After a pause, he agreed.

It wasn't long before I was on a plane to California. When I arrived at Mike's home in Cypress, his live-in girlfriend, Candy, ushered me into his bedroom. His appearance shocked me. Cancer had taken its toll and it was obvious that Mike didn't have much longer to live.

We talked and laughed about the "good old days" when we were cops together. I then shared my testimony and assured him that regardless of his past, God loved him! Our friendship allowed me to be candid and I wasted no time telling him that without Jesus Christ, he would spend eternity in a place the Bible called hell.

It was time to leave. I prayed for him and he thanked me for our time together. I left him a pocket New Testament and he promised that he would "look it over" and consider all that I had shared with him. With a hug, I told him I'd be praying for him.



On my return flight to Albuquerque, I felt so inadequate and prayed to God to convict Mike of his need for Christ.

Almost four weeks went by. One day the phone rang. It was Mike.

"Hey, buddy," he said. "I'm running out of time and we need to talk." My heart began to pound as he asked me to come back to California and share with him.

With a prayer of thanks, I boarded a plane and headed for his home.

When I arrived, Candy showed me to his room and then began to excuse herself so Mike and I could be alone. But Mike insisted she stay and hear whatever I had to share.

What a joy to tell them the Good News of a loving, patient Savior, who loved them with an everlasting love! They had many questions, but that September afternoon, a man, whose body was racked with cancer and pain, and a woman, with tears flowing down her cheeks, prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!

Friends who later visited Mike and Candy noticed a change. They were sharing Jesus with everyone who came to visit.

On November 8, Officer Michael Trone went home to be with his Lord. A few days later, I fulfilled his original request to officiate at his memorial service. What a joy to share the Gospel and Mike's testimony with more than 800 police officers, relatives, and friends. Officer Mike Trone had been cured of cancer! ■

Tom Hughes pastors the Heights Grace Brethren Church in Albuquerque, NM. He has also led Grace Brethren congregations in southern California.

Vacation Bible School Tips

by Gail Atwell Arbogast

Vacation Bible School. Three words that may cause total confusion, frustration and dismay for anyone trying to organize such an event.

Getting Organized

Organization is the key word. To help minimize the problems that may develop during the weeks preceeding Vacation Bible School, you should keep a special notebook. This notebook is specifically for VBS information, both past and present and is a necessity for the VBS director.

The VBS director's job is to delegate work to others, perhaps even choose teachers, helpers and materials. VBS materials may be purchased in a packaged form which includes crafts designed to enhance the lesson or you may choose separate, illustrated Bible stories and missionary stories. The latter stories may be in a flash-card-type format or flannelgraph figures. Be sure to write your VBS choice in your notebook for reference.

Your notebook should list Bible story teachers and missionary story teachers who have previously taught and the age level of their class. It should also note where the class met in the church.

Crafts

Some churches also choose a separate individual to be craft director. This is an especially wise choice when crafts are not included with the teaching materials. The craft director may be the one responsible for choosing crafts for all age groups or this may be decided by a number of people. Your notebook should also include the names of previous craft directors and craft teachers, their meeting place in the church and the individual crafts that were made by each age group.

Your craft director should be familiar with the capability of each age group, so that teachers and helpers do not spend all their time completing each child's craft. Small children are able to color with crayons, cut and glue with some guidance from an adult. Older children are capable of projects requiring higher levels of skill.

If you order craft supplies, allow plenty of time for the order to arrive. As soon as you have the order, inspect it for missing items (a common problem) to avoid panic on the first day of VBS. Double check your glue supply and provide newspapers or plastic to cover the table tops. It's always a good idea to remind your craft teacher to have the children help clean up after their classes to help the church janitor in his work.

If possible, have all crafts completed by the next to the last night of VBS, so each child may take home their project on the final evening. One Grace Brethren church has each age group make one large craft. Each evening, a particular part of the craft is completed, so that the final evening, all pieces are dry and ready for transporting to the child's home.

Keep in mind the primary purpose of Vacation Bible School is to bring children, teachers and parents closer to Christ.

This same church evaluates each craft before the next VBS season, to decide whether to continue with the same choice. Each year, the children usually know what they will be making in VBS before it begins. One specific craft for children entering 6th and 7th grade is a wooden marionette and they all look forward to that craft, especially since they know there will be two chances to make one.

Activity Time

Some churches also provide an activity time for their VBS children. A director for this is also a wise idea, someone who can devote all their time in choosing "fun" things for the children to do. They should also have a special notebook for listing games and helpers.

Music

If the VBS does not have a Music Director, the notebook of the VBS Director should have a list of all songs that have been used in the past and are planned for the upcoming VBS. Pre-packaged VBS material usually has songbooks or listed songs already chosen for use in class. If not, the director should choose songs that complement the lesson material. It's wise to choose songs that are not pitched too high up on the scale, as children may have a hard time reaching above a high "C". Make sure the words are understandable and mean something and are not just repetitious. Some directors are capable of creating their own words to go with familiar Christian songs, making the words of the song appropriate for the children's level.

A Schedule

The VBS Director should provide a copy of the evening's schedule for all staff members. This should include designated times for the opening exercises, Bible and missionary story times, crafts and activity times and refreshment times.

During the opening exercises, you may include announcements, the pledge to American and Christian flags and the Bible, song time, offering collection and a puppet presentation. Children love puppets and the use of puppets can increase attendance and quiet a crowd of rowdy children.

The same church previously mentioned uses their puppet team during the opening exercises. Scripts are written to correlate with VBS material and crafts. They are laced with humor directed at the puppets themselves, some understanding adults or the VBS director, and author of the skits. The songs performed by the puppets are lively and, with much practice by the puppet team members, (all dedicated church teens) cause the children to react by believing the puppets to be living beings.

Refreshments


Another favorite of children is refreshments. This may be something to drink and a cookie or, it can be "The Store". In "The Store" is a lavish display of candy, cookies and yummy things that children adore. Each piece has a price and the only accepted currency is play money. A child may earn play money in a number of ways. The first way is by attending each evening. The child may be given \$500 for his attendance and if he learns the memory verse, he is given \$1,000. Bringing a visitor earns another \$500. Some children save their money until the end of the week so they can go on a spending spree. Others buy something every evening and go home broke.

Besides earning money for

"The Store", the points earned by the children may be added to see who has the highest score. A prize may be awarded for the highest score along with some smaller prizes for the next highest scores. A prize may also be given to children who are able to say all their memory verses at the end of the week.

Each of the items discussed in the above paragraphs should be kept in your VBS notebook, separated by years, so you have a permanent record for future

referral. If something fails, be sure to mark it as such. VBS is meant to be a fun time for children offering many learning opportunities. It is the VBS Director's responsibility to oversee this and keep everything running as smoothly as possible. The notebook will help in this effort and be a reminder of previous failures and successes.

So, begin VBS with a smile, keep your notebook handy, organize things ahead of time, and pray a lot. God hears. 

Grace Graduation

Graduation day at Grace College and Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, was a time to celebrate for Bill Venard and his wife, Maria. Venard, an employee of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, received his Master of Divinity degree at commencement May 14. The seminary graduated 159, while 140 graduated from the college. Commencement was held on the front lawn of the Grace campus, the first outdoor graduation ceremonies in the schools' history.



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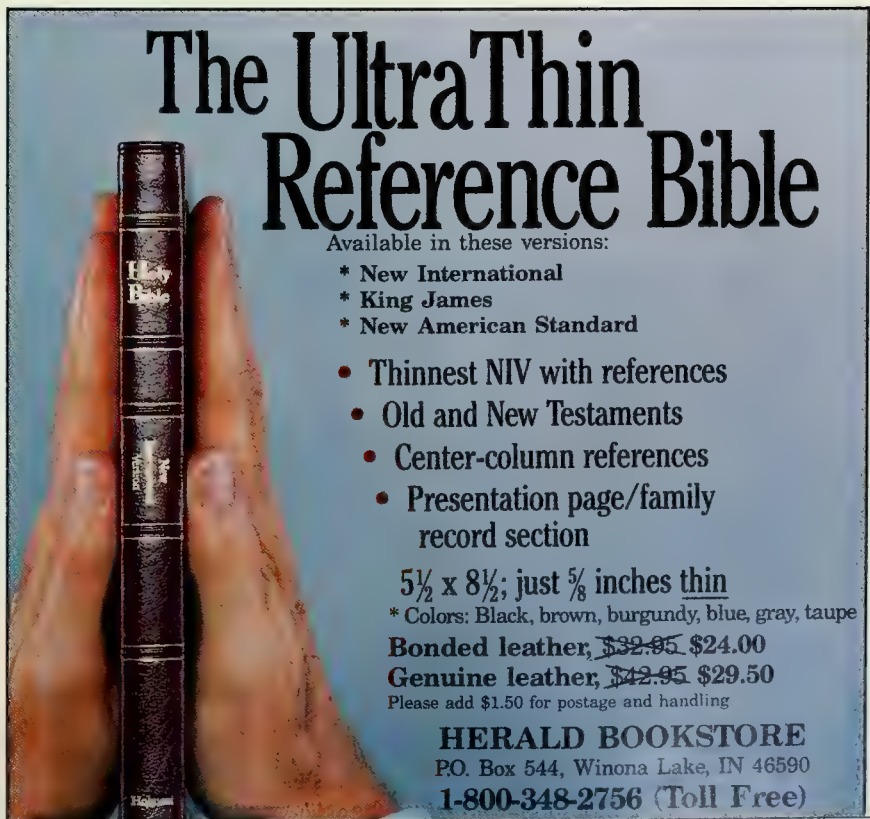
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BINGAMAN: Susan Deamer and Terry Bingaman, were married on March 19, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

GEHRIS: Russlene Bennicoff and Brian Gehris, were married April 9, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

SCALES: Marilyn Leonard and Samuel Scales, III, were married April 23, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

DEATHS

BANBURY, MARY BREWER, 91, passed away March 23, 1988. She was an active member of the Grace Brethren Church of Danville, OH. Albert Hockley, pastor.

COX, LEROY, 73, passed away on March 1, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

CRIFE, MARY, 88, March 24, 1988. She was the mother of Missionary Mary Crife and 12 other children. She had been a member of the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church for 43 years. Joel Richards, pastor.

HENNING, DONALD, Sr., 59, died on April 3, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

NEDROW, VERNON EDWARD, 41, passed away April 9, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress, CA. Charles Covington, pastor.

SCHILDKNECHT, RHODA, 73, died March 30, 1988. She was a member

of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

THOMAS, JOHN ALBERT, 57, January 21, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress, CA. Charles Covington, pastor.

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NEWS UPDATE

ROBERT L. SALSGIVER, Jr., a graduate of Lancaster Bible College and formerly serving in the Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania, has joined the Pastoral Staff of the Lititz Grace Brethren

Church as Minister of Youth. His ministry will be to the Junior and Senior High School Division and the College and Career Class, nearly 200 teens and young adults.

PASTOR WILLIAM WILLARD, who has been serving as interim youth pastor, will increase his focus on new families in the church and additional adult ministries.

WASHINGTON -- The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) is calling upon pro-life citizens nationwide to demand a ban on the use of aborted babies as "organ farms" by federally funded researchers.

Documents obtained by pro-life members of Congress in recent weeks reveal that the federal National Institute of Health (NIH) funded \$12 million in fetal-tissue research in Fiscal Year 1987.

HOW TO BE A WINNER

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News from Grace Schools

Dr. J. Donald Byers to be Director of Church Relations

Dr. J. Donald Byers has been appointed to the position of Director of Church Relations. He assumes his new duties September 1.

Dr. Byers has been pastor of the Grace Church of Orange, CA, since 1977. He is coordinator for the 1988 national conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC). In addition, he is an GBC Christian Education board member and chaplain for the Orange, CA, Police Department.

A graduate of California State University, Dr. Byers earned his Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and Doctor of Ministry degrees at Grace Graduate School in Long Beach, CA.

Tim Zimmerman to Join Music Department

Music Educator and Performer Timothy M. Zimmerman joins the Grace College Music Department as chairman as of September 1.

He is an accomplished performer, composer, and recording artist and is presently a member of the Annapolis (MD) Symphony, plays solo trumpet for Zimmerman and Marvin, and is director of the well-known King's Brass.

Zimmerman is a graduate of Bob Jones University with a B.S. degree in music education and holds a masters degree in trumpet performance from Peabody Conservatory.

He will fill the position left vacant by the retirement of Don Ogden. Prof. Ogden announced last fall that he would be leaving the Music Department to become a full-time director of alumni affairs.

Pierre Yougouda Receives Honorary Doctorate

Grace Theological Seminary has conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on Pierre Yougouda, president of the Brethren Biblical Seminary in the Central African Republic.

Dr. James H. Nesbitt from Grace presented the degree to Dr. Yougouda May 31.

Grace President Dr. John J. Davis praised Dr. Yougouda, one of the top evangelical Christian ministers in Africa. "He has earned the honor by virtue of his Christian witness and the effective work he has done in the church in Central Africa."

Revised Seminary Curriculum to be Offered This Fall

Final approval has been given to the revised pastoral ministries curriculum for M.Div. students at Grace Seminary. The new curriculum will be

offered to new students beginning in September.

The course changes are designed to strengthen training and experience offered to students as they prepare for pastoral ministries, according to the seminary's academic dean, Prof. David R. Plaster.

The present curriculum requires 10 semester hours of credit in pastoral ministries courses as part of the 98- credit hours M.Div. curriculum, with field education seminars and pastoral internships available as electives.

Under the revised curriculum, new M.Div. students will complete 12 credit hours of pastoral ministries studies, including two required credit hours of field education involving evangelism and teaching ministries.

Trustees Name Plaster Dean, Promote Three Faculty

The Board of Trustees has appointed Prof. David R. Plaster as Dean of the Seminary. He had been Acting Dean. Also, three seminary faculty were promoted from Associate Professor to Professor. They are Dr. David Black (West Campus), Dr. Ronald Clutter and Dr. Gary Meadors (Main Campus).

Fairman Named to Main Campus

Dr. Richard Fairman has accepted appointment as professor in the theology department on the Main Campus of Grace Theological Seminary.

Earlier, Dr. Fairman had been named administrator at the seminary's West Campus in Long Beach, CA. Seminary Dean David Plaster offered him the Main Campus faculty post, however, when that position became available recently. The position is being vacated by Dr. George Zemek, who has accepted an offer to teach at Masters Seminary.

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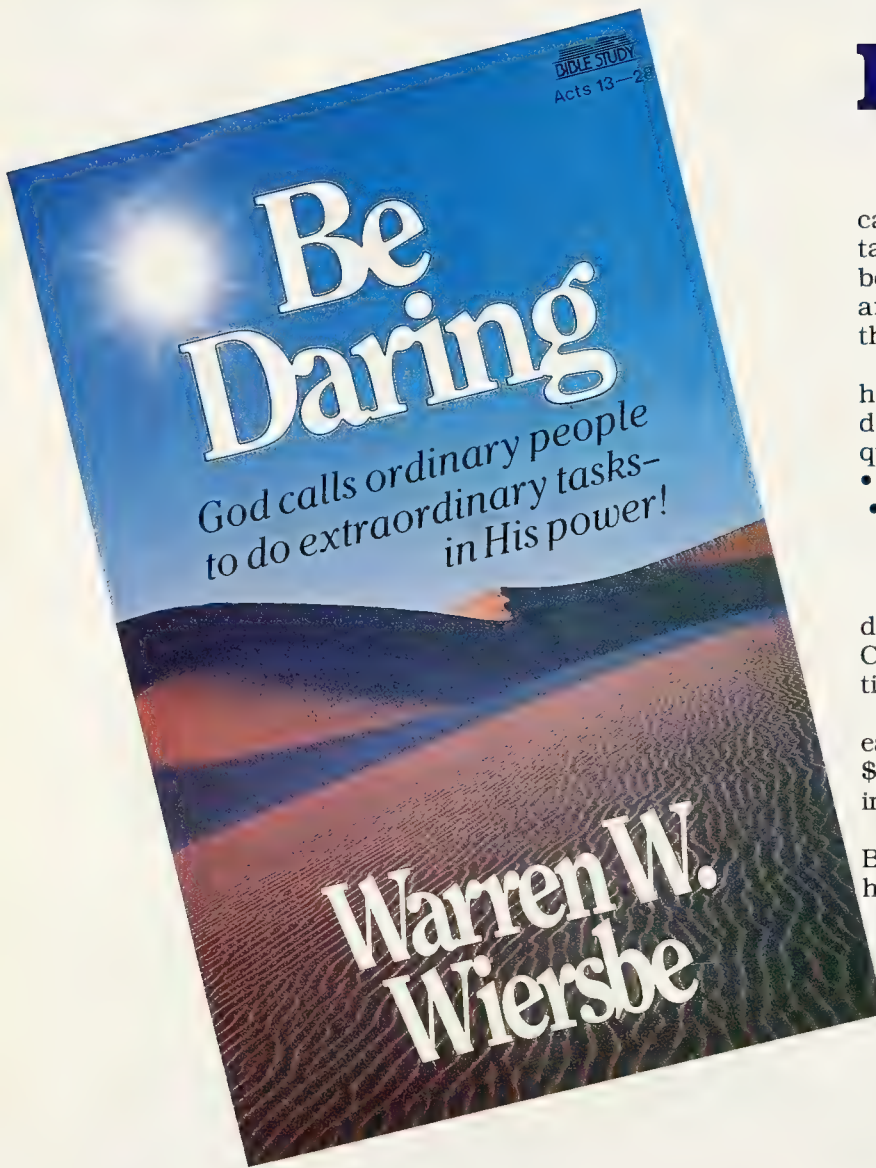
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A Future that is Dimming!

by Charles W. Turner

This year there are no tall ships sailing into New York Harbor or large celebrations planned for the Fourth of July. In recent years, we have experienced some exciting celebrations -- the 200th Anniversary of our country and the more recent events commemorating the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. (We also had a celebration to honor the Constitution, but no one showed up at the party.) These big celebrations did wonders for our spirits and brought patriotism to a high level.

This year we are all a little confused about what to celebrate. Recent accounts of people at the White House consulting astrologers before making decisions have not lifted my spirits very high. The business of making travel plans and basing activities upon horoscopes left me on a rather flat note.

We are facing problems of foreign trade imbalances while the Japanese, French and Italians are buying up our companies at an alarmingly increasing pace.

My home town was Akron, Ohio and we proudly called it the "Rubber Capital of the World". I remember when about every automobile tire carried the name of Goodyear, Goodrich or Firestone. Not only is Akron no longer the "Rubber Capital of the World", but several of the companies still located there are now owned by foreign firms. The Fuji Blimp is now as obvious as the

Goodyear Blimp and Bridgestone of Japan owns Firestone.

Many of the major buildings in Los Angeles, New York, and Honolulu are no longer American-owned. You could combine all of the foreign debts of Brazil, Argentina and Mexico and you would not begin to come close to the billions the United States owes to other countries.

I'm certainly not saying America isn't richly blessed. Ours is a nation of great resources and beauty. We have what many other nations only dream about in flights of fantasy. Yet, the troubles and problems are mounting in this period of change: deaths by abortion, the rank sin of pornography, murders on the streets. Our bill for illicit drugs is over \$100 billion which is twice as much as we pay for that expensive commodity called "oil". Teenagers and pre-teenagers can make hundreds and even thousands of dollars selling illegal drugs on the streets each week.

The advantages we have enjoyed as a nation may be rapidly moving into the history books. The nation that led the world in the post-World War II period is in trouble. As I have been working my way through the Old Testa-

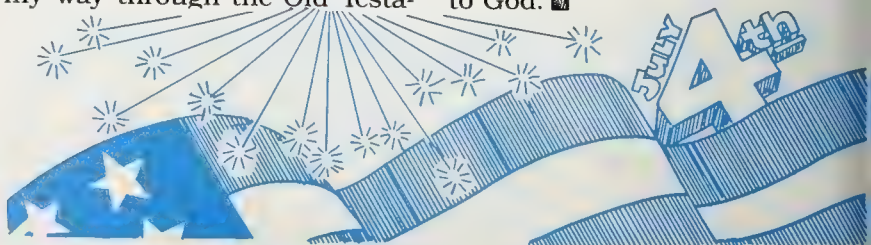
ment books and the records in Judges and Kings, I have been reminded about the consequences of the nations that forgot God. The misery of the people and fallen kings serves as a strong reminder of what can happen when God is forgotten.

We are seeing the shifting of power and influence from our once proud nation to other parts of the world. This should come as no surprise to us, it is the movement of history. It is not too late, but we have been delinquent in recognizing the decline of our nation and the moral will is slowly departing.

The turn of the century is just 12 brief years away. Either we must move towards change and return to morality and God or the history of the 21st Century will belong to another part of the world. The trends are frightening and the picture is not too bright, but restoration of spirit and hope are open to those who want it.

The question is -- is it any longer a high priority to a majority of Americans to renew their faith and devotion to God and return to morality? If it is not, then our problems are many.

I hope and pray that there is still a spirit of desire to turn back to God. ■



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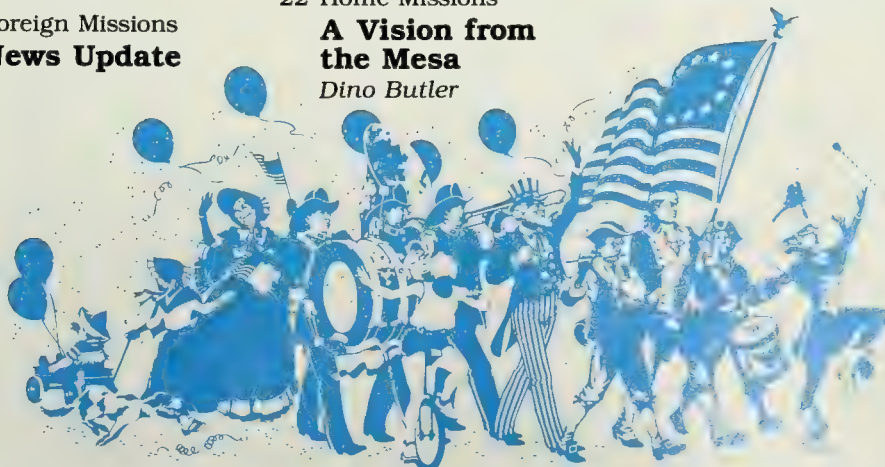
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The Water of Life

The Water of Life

by Raeann Hart

As I watch the waves crashing in from the sea
 I am reminded of God's awesome power
 for as long as the world continues to be
 His will makes the tides ebb and flow in their hour.
 The Lord knows the count of each drop of water,
 each small grain of sand, every hair on my head
 He knows us so well--He is our protector,
 His amazing love leaves us nothing to dread.
 Though the fickle sea means danger for sailors,
 a sudden severe storm could rob them of life.
 It gently houses the tiniest creatures
 providing a haven for all types of life.
 God's Word and judgement mean danger for sinners.
 Ignoring His will causes eternal death,
 but accepting Christ's death will make us winners
 filling us with His empowering Spirit's breath.
 As the sea surrounds those creatures who live there
 God's love encompasses, protects each Christian
 leading safely into eternity where
 we'll enjoy the awesome glories of heaven.
 The constant, gentle flowing of a river
 will smooth the rock's sharp edges away
 so immersion in God's Word will deliver
 a smoothing away of rough edges today.

Springs of Living Water

"they are before the throne of God
 and they serve him day and night in his temple;
 and he who sits on the throne will
 spread his tent over them.
 Never again will they hunger;
 never again will they thirst.
 The sun will not beat upon them,
 nor any scorching heat.
 For the lamb at the center of the
 throne will be their shepherd;
 He will lead them to springs of
 living water.
 And God will wipe away every tear
 from their eyes."

Revelation 7:15-17 NIV

Living Water

Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
 The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you

ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir", the woman said, "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know, we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

John 4:6-26 NIV

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have given us the water of life so we may never thirst. We thank You for Your gift and ask that You enable us to be true worshipers of You -- worshipping You in spirit and truth. We thank You for Your salvation and Your mighty promises.

We thank You, Lord, that Your salvation is available to everyone who accepts You. We ask You to enable us to share Your love with others that they, too may enjoy the water of life. Give us courage to share our personal testimonies with others and live lives that glorify You.

Lord, help us to be immersed in Your Word so that through it You may smooth the rough edges of our lives, filling us and enabling us to do Your perfect will.

Lost!

by Asa Barnes

Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA

It's morning now. At least it's 4:30 -- even if there is no light.

What a night. I guess it all started with that sermon. I think it was the best one that our pastor ever preached. It was so clear and interesting and to the point. I'm sure that everyone there must have gotten some vital information. I know I sure did. In fact, I guess it was that information that started the whole thing . . .

He told us to fill out the card at the end of the service. I really struggled with what to put down. "I have made a decision to share my faith with the cults . . ." But I had crossed part of it out and added some more. Then I re-worded it again. I don't think I was really willing to actually share yet . . . I think I wanted to be willing to learn how to share. Anyway, I worked at it through all four verses of the last hymn and finished just about in time to sing the last line. It seemed ridiculous to spend so much time on re-wording one sentence! But then, for some reason, it seemed real important to me to get it just right. I'd finally ended with "I am willing to be taught about sharing my faith with the cults." That seemed more practical to me, because I know how terrified I get in trying to actually witness to them.

Then, after all that, I forgot to hand it in. I still had it in my hand when I arrived home. As I tossed it into the wastebasket, I remembered thinking that it was a good thing I hadn't had to go forward or hand it in, then I'd have to be accountable. But, of course, I knew in my heart that You had seen what I'd written down . . . and, of course, I am always accountable to You.

Well, I guess I've learned what I asked for. At least I hope there's no more pain involved with that lesson. I really hadn't meant learning it that way, Lord. I had meant to learn by sitting down and studying. But maybe I wouldn't have done that if I hadn't learned what you are teaching me right now.

It all seemed so innocent last night. We were just turning on the lights and opening up the outside gate for our guests who were to arrive soon. My husband was out of town and my son and dog and I had gone out to cut flowers and move the hose back and make things look good. Then an hour later, I discovered it. Our dog wasn't around. He wasn't lying under the coffee table or next to the couch or in any of his favorite places. I had gone


back out to the yard and called and called but there was no response. He'd never gone away before. Never. I was sure he'd come back soon. But he didn't. And then my son got the flashlight and went looking for him for an hour in the park . . . but he was gone, really gone. Our daughter got in the car and went looking in the other direction for another hour. He was just not there . . . he was just plain lost.

"Oh Lord," I cried. "I know he's just a dog, but he's so special, and he's lost! I'm sure he'll get hit by a car; he's so little and vulnerable and it's so dark. You're the only one who can save him in all that darkness. He probably doesn't even know where he is or what he's doing. If he doesn't get killed, he might go along with a stranger out of desperation or even worse, run away from someone who's trying to help him. Lord, you're the only one who knows where he is and you're the only one who can find him. Please help."

That was last night. None of us slept much. I had hoped he'd be at the back door when I got up -- just some sort of miracle -- although I somehow knew he wouldn't. I guess You had to do something drastic to teach me what I had asked. You taught me how sad and desperate and powerless and scary and awful it is to be lost. Then You reminded me that if You care for the sparrows and the fowls of the air (and the dogs of the city streets) how much more do You care for the souls of men who will live forever -- either with or without You.

It was a hard lesson, Lord. But I'm glad You taught it to me. I asked you to and I learned it. It sure did hurt, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. After all, what's a dead dog compared to a live soul? Thanks Lord. I'm ready to witness now.

Wait! What's that at the door! I mean, I think I heard a noise or something. Was it a whine? No, it couldn't be. He's gone . . . he's lost. Wait, there it is again! You don't suppose . . . no, I'm probably just hearing things . . . still . . . I'd better go check . . .

Oh look! It's our dog! He's actually here! You didn't let him die, Lord. You protected him all night. You kept him alive. He's okay! He's wet and cold and dirty and tired, but he's here! He's not lost anymore! He's found! Thank you, Lord. Thank you for teaching me that lesson and still giving our dog back to us. Oh Lord, please help me to remember what you taught me . . . and please don't let me need to be taught that same lesson again. 

CE News

BNYC Prayer Goal: 1800 Attenders

Ed Lewis, Executive Director for GBC Christian Education, has asked Grace Brethren people from across the nation to pray for the spiritual impact of CE's Brethren National Youth Conference. Held at Biola University, July 30-August 5, the conference features nationally known speakers: E.V. Hill, Ken Poure, and Dr. John Whitcomb, and Christian recording artists: Kenny Marks and Al Holley.

A prayer goal of 1,800 attenders has been set for the conference. "It's not that we are after more numbers at BNYC," says Ed Lewis, "but we are aggressively seeking to impact more people." Along with the attendance goal, people are asked to pray for a spiritual revival at the conference as young people are challenged to "Turn The Tide" and experience Christ's lordship no matter the cost.

The last time CE's Brethren National Youth Conference was in California, in 1982, over 700 public decisions were made. Last year, 290 commitments were made for full-time Christian service. Each year the spiritual effect of this conference grows as additional people pray for this dynamic week.



Norman Wright To Speak At CE Convention

Dr. Norman Wright, nationally known counselor and author of *Training Christians To Counsel*, will be one of the featured speakers at the National CE Convention, held Thursday, August 4, at the Palm Desert, California,

Marriott. Dr. Wright will speak to the entire convention on "Ministering to People in their Time of Crisis" and will lead two workshops for pastors and wives, "Preventing and Recovering from Burnout" and Preventing and Resolving Stress in Minister's Marriage."

Programmed to implement the challenges of the FGBC National Conference, the National CE Convention offers 44 workshops and involves over 30 workshop speakers. In addition to Dr. Wright, other featured speakers include: Dr. John Maxwell, pastor of the Skyline Wesleyan Church, Lemon Grove, CA; Dr. Dennis Dirks, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Christian Education at Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA; and Rev. Juan Isais, Brethren Evangelistic Ministries' First Love Renewal speaker.

The theme of the convention is, "A Call to Action," challenging the attenders to be doers in ministry, not just dreamers. Please pray for the impact of this thrust at National Conference.

Ministry Teams Train Servants

Operation Barnabas is an intensive, six-week discipleship and ministry training program for high school youth. Two teams of about thirty young people each will travel throughout Southern California this summer, June 16-July 24, 1988, ministering to and encouraging Grace Brethren churches. Like the New Testament Barnabas, these team members will learn to serve Christ as a way of life. Working with a church for up to a week, the teams will be involved in door-to-door evangelism and canvassing, evangelistic park programs, children's ministries, manual labor around the church and community, as well as holding enthusiastic and challenging church services.

CE's 1988 Operation Barnabas Team Members

(June 16-July 24, 1988)

Joshua Allen	Virginia Beach, VA
Ben Allshouse	Littitz, PA
Stephanie Ault	Columbus, OH
Karen Bamford	Waterloo, IA
Alisa Beard	Sinking Spring, OH
Matt Blodgett	Ashland, OH GBC
Nicole Boast	Mabton, WA
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Carrie Buckland	Akron, OH, Ellet
Daniel Clark	Irasburg, VT
Ron Clark	Norwalk, CA
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Jason Conrad	Simi Valley, CA
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Carole Hall	Roanoke, VA, Patterson Memorial
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Dawn Burns	Kokomo, IN, Indian Heights
Lori Christian	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

SPAIN: The Door to the Gospel is Now Wide Open

Tradition holds that the Apostle Paul introduced Christianity to the Iberian Peninsula in the first century during one of his missionary journeys to Europe.

The best account we have of church history in Spain indicates that the New Testament Church did in fact exist for a time in Spain; however, it lost its identity by affiliating with Rome. The Spanish Inquisition managed to silence the remains of the New Testament Church and Spain plunged into centuries of spiritual darkness.

Centuries of spiritual darkness prevailed as Spain continued in gospel ignorance until recent times. In 1978, under the leadership of Spain's ruling monarch, King Juan Carlos, Spain converted from a dictatorship to a democratic form of government. With the transition in government form, Spain amended its constitution to provide religious freedom to its citizens.

With the door open to the gospel in Spain, GBFM was led of the Lord to initiate a work in Europe's newest democracy. In the fall of 1984, pioneer missionaries Bob and Marilyn Salazar arrived on the field to start a Grace Brethren church planting ministry. Following language training and investigation of the field, the Salazars were led to



initiate a church planting ministry in Valencia, Spain's third largest city, among a bilingual group of mixed marriage (Spanish/non-Spanish), middle and upper-middle economic levels of people who have great spiritual need. No other evangelical group is reaching these people.

The first preaching service was held at the Expo Hotel Conference Center on February 16, 1986. The initial contacts that followed those early efforts have resulted in the conversion of a number of souls, regular Sunday school and church services, Bible study groups, and a University student Bible class; all of which are developing into the first Grace Brethren Church of Spain!

Spain Facts & Figures

Population: 40 million (the majority of which live in rural areas).

People: The inhabitants of the Iberian Peninsula trace their ancestry to the Phoenicians, Celts, Greeks, Romans, and Moors.

Religion: 96% Roman Catholic; however, only 8% are considered to be "faithful" adherents to their faith.

Spain has approximately 40,000 evangelical believers.

There are 170 cults actively proselytizing in Spain.

Language: Castilian Spanish

Area: 500,000 square kilometers (approximately the size of Colorado and Wyoming) with a density of 65 inhabitants per square kilometer.

Tourism is Big Business in Spain



It is reported that over 50 million people from all over the world visit Spain each year! This represents a great mass of people considering that Spain has but an estimated population of forty million.

Spiritual Climate

Someone wisely said, "A nation's political and economic conditions invariably influence its spiritual climate." Spain is no exception . . .



within weeks as a new democracy, pornographic literature and movies hit the marketplace in Spain. Today, divorce and abortion are legalized. The use of marijuana and hashish has been decriminalized. Drug abuse, street crime, homosexuality and transvestism are common.

However, as a consequence of declaring itself a democracy ten years ago, Spain amended its constitution to include religious freedom. After centuries of darkness, the door to the Gospel is now open in Spain!

Fiesta Brava



No mention of events in Spain is complete without the "fiesta brava"—the bullfight. The fiesta brava, as a rule is associated with the various religious festivals around the country, starts in March and concludes in October. Literally hundreds of bullfights are held during the season . . . some in the makeshift bullrings in the plazas of tiny villages or in large arenas such as La Plaza de la Ventas in Madrid (shown here).

GBFM Team in Spain



Bob and Marilyn Salazar: Valle de la Ballestera 35 4*
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SPAIN

The Salazars will be in the U.S. on home ministries July -- December 1988. During their absence, Lynn and Lois Schrock, former GBFM missionaries to Argentina, will be in charge of the ministry in Valencia.

Meet Some of the Believers in Valencia:



Marilyn Salazar sharing
with Linda Casanova.

Linda Casanova is the first convert in the church planting ministry in Valencia.

Natasha Arora is a young Indian girl who accepted the Lord in Sunday School. She is witnessing to her parents at home, people in her apartment building, and classmates at school.



Natasha Arora



Diane Gomez & Lisa Navarro

Diane Gomez (left) along with her husband Alfredo, know the Lord; Lisa and her two children are believers . . . her husband, Vincente, attends church and is very open.

Foreign Mission News

Euro-Missions Institute

Euro-Missions Institute, a short-term missions program designed to give participants a practical view of ministry to Europeans, was held at the Chateau of St. Albain in France May 28 -- June 23, 1988. During the month, the twenty-five participants were challenged to join in the spiritual battle taking place in Europe and to consider the possibilities of becoming a part of the missionary team.

Sister SOWERS

Dawn and Sherri Juday, daughters of GBFM missionaries to the Philippines, Bob and Brenda Juday, have been approved for the two-year SOWERS program in the Philippines beginning in 1989.

Dawn graduated from Grace College (B.A. 1985, Biblical Studies and Missions) and



Dawn Juday

hopes to work in children's ministries on the mission field.

Sherri also attended Grace College. She hopes to be involved in secretarial and children's ministries in the Philippines.

Both girls are members of the Altavista GBC in Altavista, Virginia.

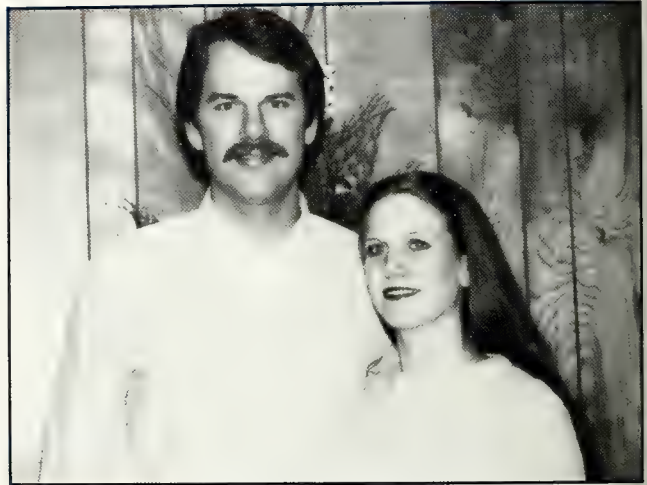


Sherri Juday

SOWERS in Chad

Mike and Myra Taylor, members of the Aiken, South Carolina GBC have been approved for a two-year missionary term in Chad under the SOWERS program beginning in 1989. They will work in medical ministries and discipleship.

Mike is a graduate of Grace College (B.S. 1979, Health



Mike and Myra Taylor

Education/Biology) and Medical University of South Carolina (PA-C 1981, Physician's Assistant). Myra is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina (BSN 1981, Nursing).

The Taylors have two children: Rachel Elizabeth, age 3; and Rebekah Marie, age 1.

Excerpts from Recent Prayer Letters

From the Nords in Chalon, France: "Our church sponsored a two-day conference on the occult. Occult practices are very wide-spread in France. Fortune-tellers, horoscopes, and tarot cards are common in the lives of many French people. In order to help people in our church understand the dangers of the occult and how



to talk to their unsaved friends about it, we invited a well-known French Christian who is an expert on the Bible and the occult to give a series of lectures on the subject. Pray for the people who attended these lectures. Pray that the Christians would be on their guard against the forces of evil and that the unbelievers who attended may have their eyes opened to the truth so that they may turn from darkness to light.



From the Huletts in the Philippines:

Easter Sunday was a beautiful celebration to our risen Lord in Marikina, Philippines. We had communion in our new building on Good Friday. Outside, Catholics carried idols on carts while praying and burning candles to Mary.

After the service five adults were baptized. Eddie and Carol were making solid re-commitments to the Lord, having once left the church. Pedro rejoiced as we baptized his wife, eldest son, and one daughter. Praise the Lord -- families are coming to know Him!

We are now in the U.S. for home ministries. Our address is 6748 Pageantry St., Long Beach, California 90808.

From Edna Haak in Aalen, West Germany:

The last time I wrote to many of you we were busy preparing for an open house in our new church facilities here in Aalen. January 24 we invited our friends and acquaintances from Aalen, and a couple weeks later we hosted friends from other free churches in the area. Although the group on the 24th was smaller than we expected (30-35 including the team) we had good fellowship with those that came and a very positive newspaper article appeared a few days later in one of the local papers. At the second open house the walls were bulging as close



to 100 people came from Stuttgart, Ulm, Leonberg, and Pfullingen. Again a reporter was there and again gave us good newspaper coverage. Since then we have had another Family Afternoon with about 50 people attending. At worship services on Sunday morning we have a group of regular attenders that averages between 20-25 (including teammembers) and we've had 15-20 visitors, some believers, some unbelievers, some coming one time, some several times.



From Mary Ann Habegger in the C.A.R.:

Keep praying for the Moslem patients at the hospital who read the tracts I give to them. Werner Kammler has had excellent contacts with several young men. They are teachers for Moslem children. One of the fellows has completed eleventh grade in Bangui and is reading the Bible in French. Another is reading the Bible in Arabic script. They have been asking

difficult questions like: "What happens to me if I become a Christian? My Moslem friends will, at best, leave me. What if I am sick or in need? (The Moslems have a genuine sense of community that is not always found elsewhere). Would the church take me in?"

We need several to make "the break" together so they can encourage each other and study with Werner. Werner has asked one of these young men to translate a tract from French into Arabic this week. Keep praying.

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A Brand New Vessel

by Evelyn Johnson

Standing at the sink, humming the tune to the closing chorus of a recent meeting I had attended, I suddenly thought about the words:

*"I want to be, beloved Savior
Like a vessel in the hands of
the Potter.*

*Break my life and remake it.
I want to be, I want to be
A brand new vessel."*

(Translated from Portuguese)

Lord, do I really mean that? Am I willing to be broken, as I've seen the potters do, so I can serve you better?

I've watched the potter at his wheel as his feet keep the wheel moving. I've watched as that glob of clay becomes a round pot or a tall, slender-necked vase. I've also seen that same creation caught up in the potter's hand and brought back into a glob of clay lying on the wheel, just because of an imperfection, invisible to my eyes.

I've read of those folks who are really dedicated, being broken and remade for the Lord's service, of their loss of loved ones, their physical disabilities and suffering.

Being broken can be very painful, not only physically, but emotionally. Lord, can I endure the pain of being broken?

I'm sure if that glob of clay could speak it would tell a painful story. I'm sure that graceful, slender-necked vase felt very

lovely and perfect -- ready to be fired. Then suddenly that proud vase felt the vise-like grip of the potter's hand squeezing it back into a ball. Then with a tremendous force it was slammed onto the wheel to remove the air bubbles. Then those strong, yet gentle fingers kneading and reworking the clay. Little by little the wheel picks up speed and once again a lovely creation gracefully rises from the wheel and the wheel slows as the hands of the master form a fragile lip at the top of that slender-necked vase. He leans back and a slow smile forms on his lips. He nods in satisfaction and lifts the vase from the wheel with tender hands and says, "It's ready for the fire."

What took but a few moments for the vase could be months or years in my life.

Lord, isn't there another way? Must I be broken to be made anew?

Yes, my child; it's the only way.

Then humming softly, I rethink those words: Like a vessel in the Potter's hands -- Break me -- remake me. Careful! do you really mean it? Yes, Lord, yes, I really do want to be a fit vessel for You.



Evelyn Johnson
Missionary to Belem, Brazil

Remake me, Lord, but give courage and grace for that remaking, for . . .

*"I want to be, beloved Savior
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the Potter.*

*Break my life and remake it.
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A brand new vessel."*

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Memory Passage --
Matthew 5:3-12

Southern California-Arizona District Update

How are you faithful W.M.C. women doing with your Mount Climbing? I am sure that many of you could share some very interesting experiences God has helped you through as you have climbed so far in our W.M.C. year.

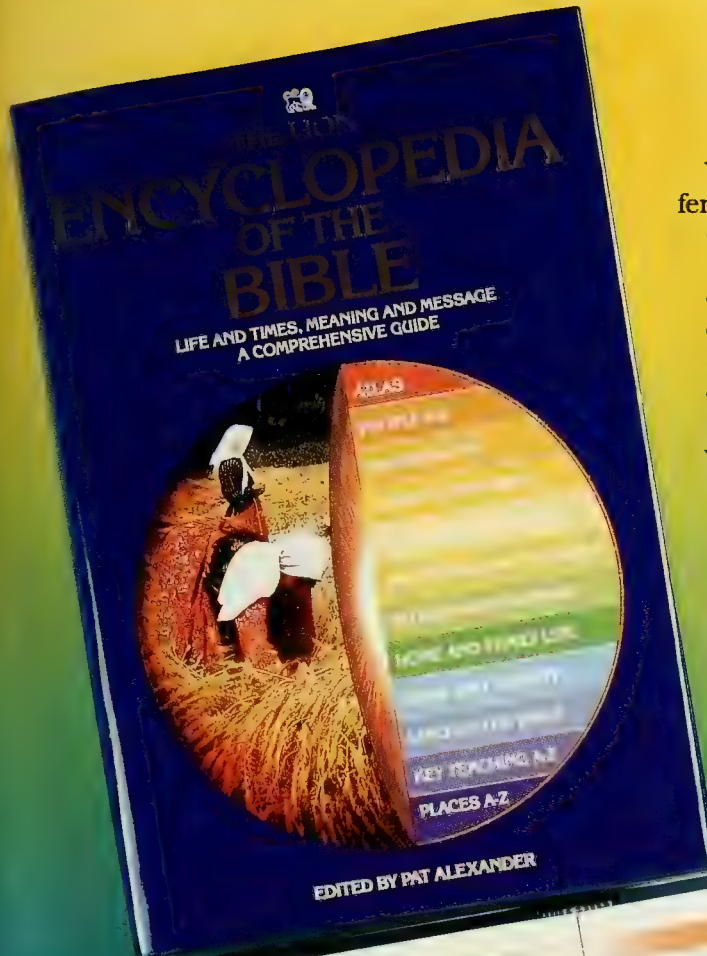
I am excited about being a part of an organization that has been in the business of helping to promote missions around the world for almost 50 years. Next year - 1989 - is the 50th anniversary for W.M.C.

Continue to encourage your ladies in your church to be a part and active in your missionary W.M.C. ministry. Don't be afraid to try new things in your meetings. Be sure to inform your pastor about what W.M.C. is and what you are doing. Invite him to a meeting.

Continue to pray for our missionaries -- Home and Foreign. Also, pray for our District committee and the program for the National W.M.C. meetings in August in Palm Desert, CA. Pray for your present district and national officers.

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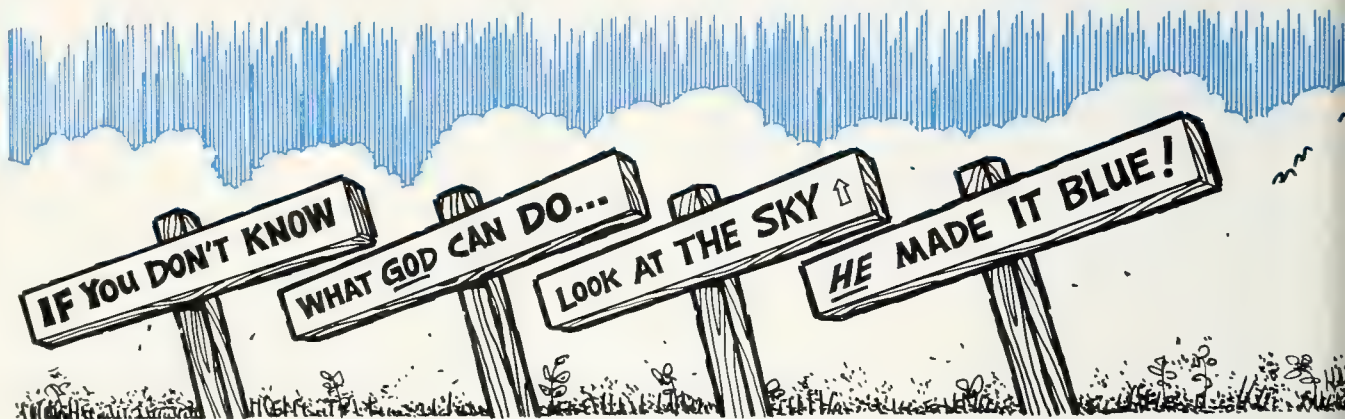
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Proclaiming His Praises

by Dan Hartzler



Most often when we think of verbalizing the Gospel message we go straight to the New Testament, and specifically Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 6:19 and other verses which refer to the spoken message. Yet even before the time of Christ the verbalization of the faith was important. Again and again we see in the Psalms this emphasis on **declaring** the goodness of God. You might call this "personal evangelism in the Old Testament".

So often we hear people ask, "But what should I **tell** my unbelieving friends when I witness to them?" They're concerned about the content of their message as much as their ability to share. Let's look into the Psalms and see what they teach regarding the spoken testimony.

The most common attributes of God that the Psalmists declare are His works, acts or deeds. "Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare among the peoples His deeds." (9:11) "I have made the Lord God my refuge. That I may tell of all Thy works." (73:28b) "One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts." (145:4) See also Psalms 64:9; 71:17; 75:1; 105:1; 107:22; 118:17.

Also God's very name is worthy of talking about. "I will tell of Thy name to my brethren." (22:22a) "That men may tell of the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem." (102:21) Of course His righteousness is a common topic of conversation. "They will come and will declare His righteousness." (22:31a) "My mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness." (71:15a)

Two more characteristics of God worthy of sharing with others are found in Psalm 89:1. "I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever. To all generations I will make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth." What about His miracles? "I will give thanks to the Lord with all

my heart. I will tell of all Thy wonders." (9:1) "That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and declare all Thy wonders." (26:7)

And the list goes on: God's strength (71:18; 145:6,11), His salvation (96:2), His glory (96:3; 145:11). But what strikes me in these verses is that they all refer **not** to praise directed to God Himself -- although we see plenty in the Psalms -- but rather a message spoken to our fellow man.

In First Love Renewal we teach that God equips the believer to share eternal truths successfully from the moment of conversion. The method approaches are great (Four Spiritual Laws, Evangelism Explosion, the bridge illustration, etc.) and multitudes have been led to Christ through these "canned" presentations of the Gospel. Yet the secret of success in First Love Renewal is that God uses **every** method (even some that appear a bit eccentric, in human terms) to make His truth known.

Jack Taylor has correctly defined praise as "bragging on God", and our churches need to do some of this godly bragging. But even more urgent is what we could call "bragging **about** God", about His works, His righteousness, His faithfulness and His glory to those who don't know Him. Considering God's attributes, is there any Christian who doesn't have something to say about the Lord?

Dan Hartzler, born and raised in Ohio, currently resides in Mexico City where he serves as National Coordinator for Evangelism-in-Depth in Mexico. An outstanding Bible teacher, he holds a degree in Spanish Literature.

The Boss's Orders

by Tamra Moller

Sitting at a restaurant the other day, I encountered a woman who was very perplexed. As I was eating my food, I watched her walk in and stand, confused, in front of the register, gazing at the list of selections. Every time she started to place her order, she would stop and change her mind. The girl working at the restaurant began to get impatient and frustrated, and she finally walked away. The woman trying to place her order gave up her attempt, sat down, and began to cry. Feeling sorry for this woman, I got up and moved to where she was sitting. I introduced myself and she told me that her name was Joanne. Joanne said that she had been sent on some errands by her boss, but she did not know exactly what he wanted. She told me that she had sent him several messages and that she did talk to him once in awhile.

"Why don't you know what he wants then?" I asked. "Doesn't he tell you what he wants?"

"I don't know," Joanne replied.

I must have had a very strange look on my face, for Joanne immediately volunteered to explain further. "You see," she began, "I send messages to my boss quite often, but with my busy schedule, I don't have time to sit around and wait for his reply. I finally bought an answering machine so that I could receive his messages."

"Oh," I replied, "so you are prepared to accept his directions when he calls?"

"Well, in a sense," Joanne fumbled. "I know the machine is hooked up and the salesman at the store told me that it worked and that it would really help me get answers to my messages. The problem is that I am so busy that I never have time to listen to the messages recorded on the machine. I get home late at night and I don't have time to listen to my messages. In the morning, I always get ready in a rush and then run out the door. My tape is soon full of messages, but I figure that by then all of the messages are too old to be important, so I erase them and start over again, with the intention of listening this time, of course."

At first I was unsure of how to respond to this. I sat and thought about the situation for a moment. Here was Joanne, confused about what she should do for her boss. She sent him messages telling of her work for him and asking for further instructions. She had a way to receive his messages, yet she never took the time to listen to the responses. This didn't seem right to me. Finally,

I asked her, "Don't you feel that your relationship with your boss is important?"

"Of course I do!" she exclaimed.

"Then why don't you listen to his messages?" I asked.

"Well, I'm not even sure if there are messages from him on the tape anyway. I know that someone calls because the tape advances, but I don't know that there are messages from him that will apply to my situation."

"Joanne, do you ever spend time with your boss?" I questioned.

"Well, once a week the staff of the company gets together for a business meeting to learn what the company is doing and to see how each individual has been progressing in his or her assignments."

"I'm beginning to understand what the problem is, Joanne," I explained. "You want to serve your boss, you say, and you contact him with your requests and thoughts. But then, because of your busy schedule, you cannot wait for his reply, so you turn on a machine to record the answer. Calls come in, but you never take the time to listen to the messages. At the weekly business meeting you discuss the boss and the ultimate goal of the company. Joanne, the problem is that you have no personal closeness with your boss. You know the basic purpose of your job, but you do not take the time to learn what specific tasks he has assigned to you. You need to listen daily to the messages he sends to you."

She looked at me blankly, then a smile began to light up her face. I could tell that she was thinking over what I had just said. She thanked me for pointing out the source of the problem and she said good-bye. Joanne got up, made her order, and then left.

A few weeks later I saw her again. She was no longer the confused, frustrated woman that I had met previously. Now she knew exactly what she needed to get. When she saw me she smiled and waved. As I observed her, I realized again how important it really is to not only talk to the boss and to send him messages of questions and activities, but it is equally important to listen to his reply and to discover his instructions. Then I turned and went to talk to my boss. ■

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Larry Poland

A Man with a Purpose

by Raeann Hart

"The people who are programming your mind through media are not nice people," says Larry Poland, Ph.D., President of Mastermedia International, Inc. Christians today are being neutralized and robbed of power and holiness of life because of the erosive influence of media. Christians will sit through things that are being broadcast into their homes on television today that they would not tolerate ten years ago. Most parents do not monitor their children's television consumption and some even use the television as a "babysitting device". Many teenagers have bought into a set of values that parents just do not understand and many of these values have come from what they have witnessed through the media.

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Dr. Poland is extremely concerned about the lack of awareness the Christian community has demonstrated regarding the corrosive influence of television. "The majority of Christians are foolishly unaware of the way in which the media is adjusting their thinking. It is encouraging coldness to spiritual things and stealing the minds and spiritual lives of believers," says Poland. "Young Christians don't see the danger until their 15-year-old daughter is pregnant or their teenage son has bought into a lifestyle foreign to their own."

"We are too naive," insists Poland. He remembers a journalist, who has since become a Christian, who recounted his visit backstage at a rock concert. This journalist watched the performers dedicate their concert to Satan. The head of MTV proudly brags, "We **own** the ninth graders of America." The video channels continually promote satanic, sexual, free love themes that are being absorbed by our young people.

Dr. Poland shared an incident that demonstrated the strong influence the media has had on our young people. A non-Christian magazine had a contest encouraging young girls to write in twenty-five words or less why they should have a date with a member of Motley Crew, a rock group. A non-

Christian journalist who viewed the responses was so shocked by the sexual perversity influenced by this group that he wrote a strong editorial in response. Throughout our country it is not uncommon for third and fourth grade children to have viewed pornographic movies on cable channels in their own living rooms.

Only 16% of the movies produced last year were not R-rated. Even the PG (parental guidance suggested) movies can show brief frontal nudity. Poland considers the present rating system an example of "the fox guarding the chickens". The movie industry is anxious to produce movies that will make a profit and it appears the movie-going public is more likely to attend an R-rated picture. Even Walt Disney studios now produce R-rated movies through its Touchstone Pictures division.

Another of Dr. Poland's strong concerns is that no one is witnessing to the people who are controlling the media. (See "Reaching the Top" in the May, 1988 *Herald*.) The individuals who are in control of television and the movie industry are in as great a need of a Savior as the rest of the world.

Larry Poland is not just sitting back and watching the media corrode our country. He is a man with a purpose. For the past eight-and-a-half years he has diligently been working to make a difference through the organization he founded, Mastermedia International, Inc. Mastermedia operates Christian ministries to media leaders, primarily in films and television, and seeks to create awareness of the impact of media on individuals, the family, the Church, and society.

The Mediator is one of the tools used by Mastermedia to accomplish their goals. This free, bimonthly newsletter offers insights into film, television and God's working in the media. Each issue lists a Prayer Focus and a few Action Points: practical suggestions to impact the media.

Dr. Poland has also authored a series of booklets in a "Watch What You Watch" series. "TV: The 'Live In' Alien" introduces the reader to TV. Ewing, a popular fellow who wants to live in your home. Another booklet is entitled "Profile of a Mediaholic".

Perhaps Poland's most exciting ministry is his outreach to the individuals who are in media. He is sharing the life-changing message of Christ and discipling new Christians in Hollywood.



Larry and his wife Donna have given their children names with spiritual significance. Christian Mark, 21, their oldest son was given his name so he can make his mark on the world for Christ. Desiree Marie, 19, was named for the desired one of Mary, who is Jesus. The Polands want Cherish Faith, 16, to cherish faith and Destiny Joy, 14, to have her destiny be joy. Chalet Celeste, 9, has her home in heaven and their prayer is that Valor Nathan, 4, will have the courage of the prophet Nathan.

Mastermedia reaches out to 200 men in Hollywood to share Christ. Sixty men are reached on a regular basis and twenty-two men are involved every other week in a fellowship group. Dr. Poland meets with these new Christians who attend the group by closed invitation. A third of their time is spent in intimate, burden-bearing fellowship, a third in Bible study and the balance of the time in prayer. Nothing shared within this group is repeated outside of the group and no business is conducted during their time together. This "Key Men in Hollywood" group includes Vice Presidents of major television stations and meets in their board rooms. Poland is always excited when a man comes to know Christ and can say, "I hurt. I need people. I need Christ."

Recently, Mastermedia has begun work in New York city to reach Christians in media and begin a "Key Men" group on the east coast. They invited

100 men to attend a complimentary dinner at the Yale Club, hoping a handful would attend. They were amazed when 61 tough New Yorkers showed up. One new Christian, who has been a stunt man for over thirty-five years and is one of the top five stunt men in the industry, shared his testimony. He got choked up as he related his story and how Christ had changed his life. He received a standing ovation from teary-eyed New Yorkers. The meeting was scheduled to end at 1:40 and at 3:45 men were still there sharing with each other. God is doing exciting things through Mastermedia.

A recent issue of *The Mediator* gave insight into the difficult lives of the Christians who work in media. "It is hard to overstate the moral and ethical dilemmas facing believers who work in film and television industries. Take the challenge facing the Christian owner of a Hollywood media company that has been highly effective in helping

major production companies like Warner Brothers promote films like *Chariots of Fire* and *The Mission* to the forty million evangelicals in America.

"Naturally, as a Christian, this media exec wants to recommend to fellow Christians only those films that he believes will be upbuilding. This is tough to start with because of the 409 films rated by the Motion Picture Association of America from January, 1987 to October, 1987, only 10 films were rated "G". Two hundred forty-eight or 61 percent were "R" and, as such, would be deeply offensive to most believers. While some "PG" films would be acceptable to most believers, there is always the film with a great message, a powerful statement, or an awesome ability to lift the human spirit that has 'just one scene' that offends Christian values or just a 'half dozen' uses of profanity or misuses of God's name.

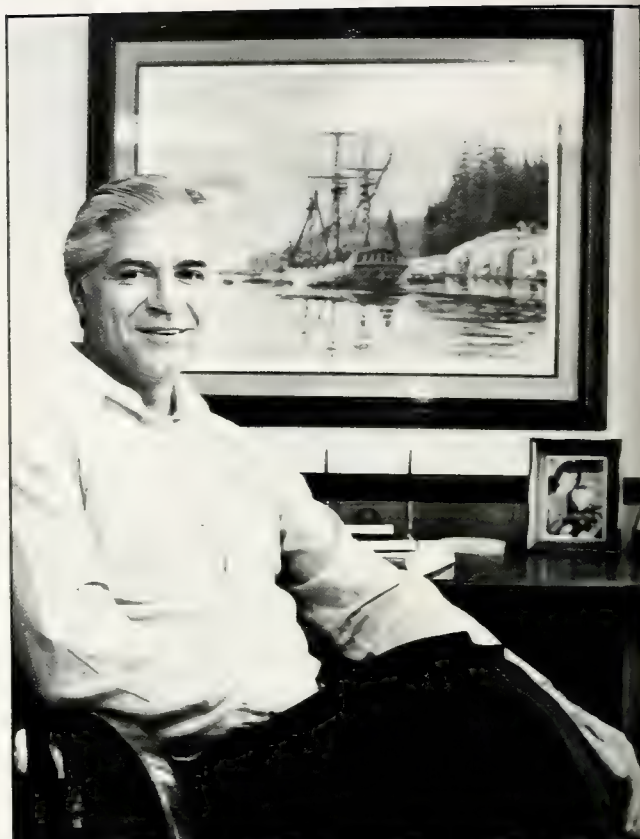
"This man knows God has called him to the movie business. He entered it from another field of endeavor in obedience to Christ. At the same time, the 'gray areas' of the movie industry make his decisions tough. *Your* brothers and sisters in Christ who are called to the world of film and television need *your* understanding, *your* prayers, and *your* encouragement to be 'wise as serpents and harmless as doves' in the tough decisions they face in the spiritual war."

What events have provided Larry Poland with the talents and abilities for such a unique ministry as Mastermedia? When considering the accomplishments of Poland's 49 years, it is difficult to imagine one man could accomplish so much. Poland graduated from Warsaw High School (Indiana) in 1957. He received his B.A. in Social Science with a major in Sociology from Wheaton College in 1961. His wife, Donna, graduated from Wheaton with a B.A. in Psychology in 1962.

From 1961 to 1967, the Polands were at Grace College in Winona Lake, IN. From 1961 to 1965, Larry was the Registrar, Director of Financial Aid, and Director of Admissions to the college while teaching Sociology and Speech and obtaining his Master of Divinity degree. In 1966 he obtained his M.S. in Educational Administration with minors in Social Science and Political Science from Purdue University. From 1966 to 1967 Larry was the Assistant to the President and Dean in Charge of Institutional Studies at Grace College.

In 1967, Dr. Poland became the President of Miami Christian College, Miami FL. While there, he took a faltering Bible College from a "minus net worth" and 50 students to an accredited campus worth approximately three million dollars with an enrollment of 300.

Dr. Poland became the Director of the Agape Movement of Campus Crusade for Christ, International in 1973. In the following years, Dr. Poland became the Developer and Director of World Thrust, Missions Leadership Seminars, Strategy



"The person who is secure in Christ and emotionally secure as a whole person is filled with energy and vitality, with life and enthusiasm," says Larry Poland. Though describing motivation in Christ, he could have been describing himself.

Resource Network, and Associates in Media. He founded a radio station in Miami, Florida; hosted a Christian television talk show; served as executive director and platform host of "World Thrust" media production; and hosted a series of hour-long, prime time specials aired on Canadian television.

In 1985, Dr. Poland became the Director of Ministries at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Highland, California and founded Mastermedia International, Inc.

Larry Poland has authored numerous articles and booklets and has two books that have been published: *Spirit Power* and *Rise to Conquer*. He has spoken nationally and internationally since 1967, done consulting for missions agencies, Christian media operations and churches and maintains an active personal and family counseling involvement.

Dr. Poland has some very strong views on the subject of Christian education. "If you took an ideal philosophy, I do not think it is in the best interest of a democratic society to have people

going to separate schools. I think the great equalizer in our country is that people from different strata have been able to go through the same educational system. It has allowed us to relate to people from different social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. It is a central part of a democratic society.

"What I see happening in American education is that the basic moral, spiritual and religious foundations of the public system have now been ripped out. The typical Christian family who wants to have the school as an extension of their home and their values has no alternative but to put their kids in an educational climate which reinforces the family's values.

"When I went to Warsaw High School, there were no justification for a Christian school. The kids in leadership in that school didn't even smoke and the moral leadership in the class was there. There was a number of fine Christian teachers in the school and even the principal was a strong moral and spiritual influence. We had chapels where local ministers would come to share things with us. So, there wasn't the need then for a Christian school.

"I think some communities still have some good, moral public schools. In southern California, we don't really have an alternative. The schools there are so wide open and alien in terms of philosophy -- moral philosophy, political philosophy and religious philosophy. Humanism is taught as "the religion" of the school system. The lifestyles of the teachers are not respectable in many instances. The good teachers are being forced out of the public school system because they don't want to put up with free sex, free drugs, violence, or the intimidation of other teachers.

"The way things are going increasingly, I don't think the Christian parent will have a choice if he is committed to have the school system be an extension of his personal Christian values, but to enroll his children in Christian schools.

"I am a strong supporter of Christian education where there isn't any other alternative. I also believe strongly in excellence in education -- especially in Christian schools. If a Christian school is excellent and creative, it is unbeatable.

"The Christian academy in our area averages 1½ to 2½ years ahead of public school at every grade level. This is not because we are so selective we get only bright kids, but the special emphasis, the care, the nurture, the modeling, the supportive environment for learning makes a world of difference. Our children are wildly overachievers in many ways in terms of their educational pursuits."

While president of Miami Christian College, Dr. Poland founded a model elementary school for the Education Department. "It was difficult for the student teachers to get a view of what the 'ideal' teaching situation would be like," he recalled, "so we started our own school to give them a window into an effective school system -- educationally,

morally and spiritually. We tried to select the finest teachers for that system and I had the privilege of having one of my children go through the first and second grades in that school."

Dr. Poland also founded Arrowhead Christian Academy, a Christian high school in Redlands, CA in 1979. "We are satisfied customers of Christian education," Poland declares.

I asked Larry how he maintained the balance between serving the Lord in a powerful way without sacrificing his family. He said, "As I grew up, I saw an awful lot of people, who in a manner of speaking, gained the world and lost their family. I determined that wasn't going to happen to me. I would joyfully lose the world if I could keep my family.

"As a man, I feel it is important to have some goals in life. If you aim at nothing, you're guaranteed a direct hit. So, in my early twenties I set out some life goals for me. These six goals are very personal, but one of these goals was to be an outstanding husband and father. I think unless a man sets a goal to be a great father, he isn't likely to achieve it, because men are very achievement oriented. Since we usually pick goals which are outside of the home, such as money, status, fame or whatever, the family and relationships at home usually get caught in the backwash of other objectives.

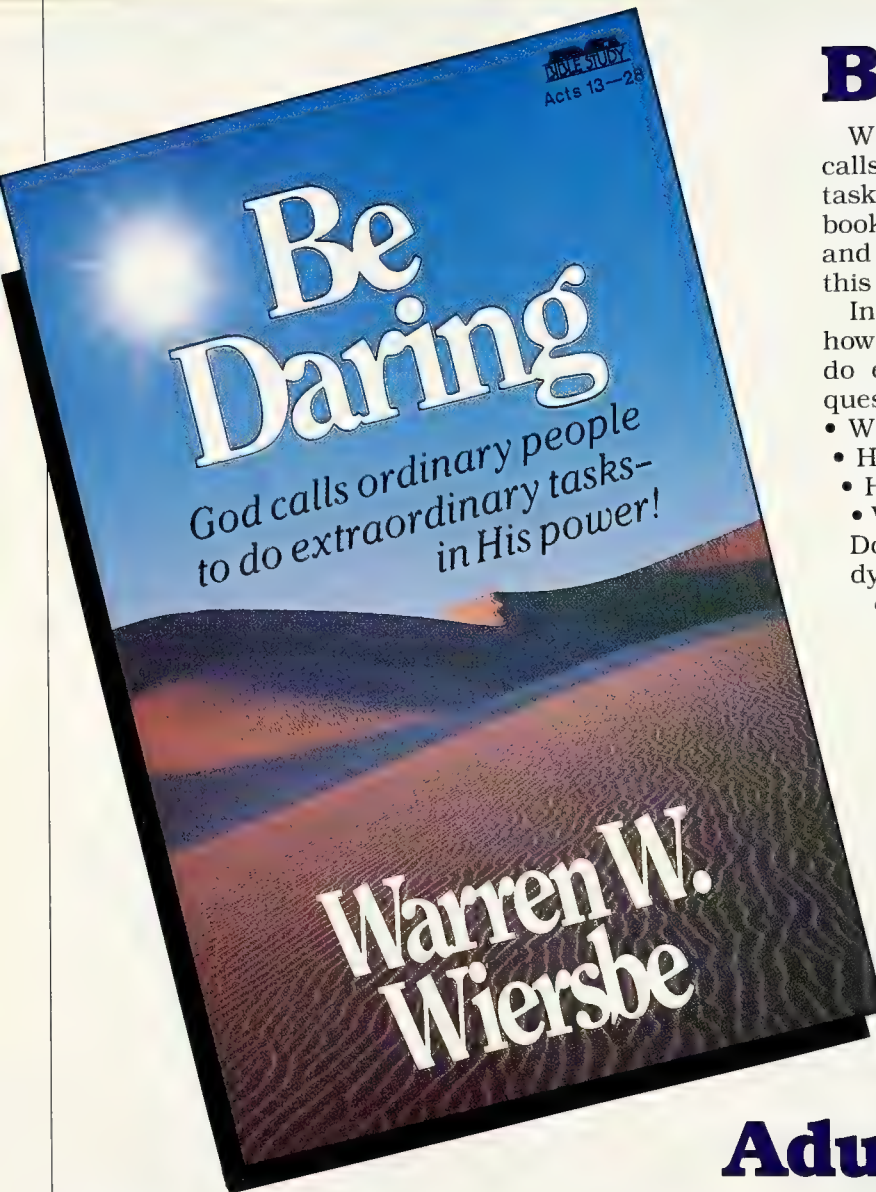
"Since that relationship is my number two goal on my list, with my number one goal relating to my relationship with God and influence for Him. I think that has been very helpful for setting the course and helping me sort out my priorities in terms of my life's goals."

Looking over the accomplishments of Larry Poland's 49 years, I am amazed at the way the Lord has used him to further His kingdom. I was interested to know if Dr. Poland considered himself a "workaholic". "There is a radical difference between the motivation of being busy and being a workaholic," he said.

"A book that had an effect on my life was 'Do I Have to Be Me?' by Lloyd Ahlem. In that book he said psychologically, emotionally-whole people achieve out of the wellspring of knowing who they are. Fragmented people achieve in order to become somebody. The difference is very dramatic. The person who is secure in Christ and emotionally secure as a whole person is so filled with energy and vitality, with life and enthusiasm that he works from an entirely different motivation. The secure Christian is not frightened about losing his job, because he knows God will take care of him and he is secure enough to keep his priorities straight.

"While we are all very, very busy people and the pace we live is a rapid one, we are willing and able to say 'no' to things in order to spend quality time with our family to ensure that our family relationships are good. We are not going to let the culture shape us, we are going to be change agents in the culture.

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"If someone had told me twenty-five years ago that a Christian family was such a powerful support for ministry, I wouldn't have believed you. Now, particularly in our church ministry, I can't believe how many people say they come to our church or they respect me or will listen to what I have to say because they see the fruit in our family. Now I know it was worth that quarter-of-a-century investment in right priorities and in a good relationship with my wife and our family, because the community watches your kids as much as it watches you and perhaps even more."

Dr. Larry Poland is truly a man with a purpose: to do God's will, to be a super husband and father and to carry out a ministry through his church and through Mastermedia, International. May the Lord continue to bless his service to Him. 

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Letters from Our Readers

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the article by Raeann Hart concerning Colonel John Schumacher, in the April issue of the *Herald*. I especially appreciated the article for several reasons.

First, I believe the Grace Brethren military Chaplains provide one of the most unique and effective ministries of our Fellowship and yet are probably the least known. These men represent our Grace Brethren Fellowship but even more, our Lord and Savior.

Secondly, I appreciated this article because of an event that took place in Vietnam in 1966. I was in a unit in which Col. Schumacher and his men passed through. They had just come out of a very severe encounter with the enemy and one could clearly see the physical and emotional toll that had been taken. I saw on the collar of one battle-weary soldier, a cross which told me immediately that he was a Chaplain. I approached him and to my surprise recognized him immediately as Col. Schumacher. Despite the tremendous ordeal he had been through, he took the time to talk with me and to encourage me, thinking not of what he had been through. I will never forget that meeting which took place during a very difficult time in my life.

God bless our Chaplains and may the Lord continue to give them the wisdom and compassion that they need in dealing with the young men and women of our Armed Forces.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave Mitchell
Waipio Grace Brethren Church
Waipio, Hawaii

A Vision from the Mesa

by Dino Butler

Vision. It is essential to those who will be leaders in the future. Many seek it, debate it, and expand it. The Bible says that without it, the people perish. On the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and Arizona, that premise is the unfortunate affirmation of what has happened to youthful Christian leadership in the past few years.

Poor planning and lack of involvement has severely crippled the number of Navajo young people who become involved in ministry to their own people. Only by God's grace will more young Navajo leaders arise who will have the vision to reach their nation with the Gospel. At Grace Schools in Winona Lake, IN, a number of Navajo young people are pursuing higher education, already with a vision for the future. There are six in the college: Joanne Smith, Dino Butler, John Ben, Lori Curley, Lolita Castillo, Faye Willeto, and Rena Jim; and one in seminary: Daron Butler. Each is unique, but each shares a dream to return to work among their own people.

Daron Butler is setting a precedent for Navajo youth who are interested in education, but more importantly those who are committed to serving Christ. A 1987 college graduate and the son of Navajo pastor Tully Butler and his wife, Mary, Daron has an optimistic view of what can be accomplished on the Reservation.

"My vision," he states, "is that these people (Navajo students at Grace) be themselves, be individuals, stand up, and be all they can be, as God has gifted them with the talents that they possess. It's very important they establish themselves as a person individually."

He also is very guarded about being the "only role model" that the Navajo kids should fashion themselves after.

"One of the problems with being a 'pathfinder' is that others get measured according to that standard, whether or not that standard is from the person himself, but it's a standard that other people measure in respect to themselves."

Being the first Navajo product of the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission at Counselor, NM to attend Grace in almost ten years, he has mixed emotions about being a 'trailblazer.'

"I think of being a trailblazer as frightening, because a lot is made of that position, not because the position is earned, but because it is given.

When he first arrived on Grace campus in 1983, his first thoughts were to make an impact on the school, in whatever way that might be. Four years later, as a senior, he was recognized with the Greatest Contribution to Student Life award.

Daron gets excited about the possibilities about life after seminary.

"I would like to go back to New Mexico and work among the young and try to orient them to the world we live in. They have confusion, as all kids have, but more so now for the bi-lingual, bi-cultural, sometimes tri-cultural, home situations. For the Navajo Christian, he must battle the Anglo culture as well as some of the traditional Navajo ways."

"My other objective is to make an impact on the reservation, to turn it upside down," he says with a smile.

He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree along with a degree in Christian School Administration.

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Daron deals practically with ministry and makes it applicable to everyday life.

"Ministry does not begin when you graduate, but it's now, today, tomorrow. I don't see my ministry as a vision, but as a reality that's happening now."

Joanne Smith is the only girl in a family of six boys. Although a close-knit family, she enjoyed a special relationship with her mother.

"My Mom was the closest person to me and I loved her dearly. I shared everything with her. One of the reasons I even came to college was because she wanted me to. She never went to school herself and thought it would be very beneficial to me."

Her mother died in March and Joanne still has trouble talking about her without shedding a few tears.

Joanne's major is in Business Administration

and she has a minor in Communications. She also talks of adding another minor.

"I really got interested in Biology and I like it. I guess the reason why my interests are so diversified is that my capabilities for career work are much wider now."

In contemplating ministry, Joanne likes to work with people, especially communicating God through her everyday life.

"I believe that in whatever field that I'm in I can let people know I am concerned about them, and let them know that I have a difference in my life."

To his frustration, Dino Butler is often referred to as "Daron's-younger-brother." But rather than standing in the shadow of the 'trailblazer', this energetic college junior is forging his own path. He is studying Communications and English and hopes to go on to graduate school.

"I feel my role as a Navajo is one that has me serving my people in a unique capacity, a capacity that involves getting them to communicate better with their world, with each other, and with themselves."

Dino sees lifestyle evangelism as a ministry key -- for now and in the future.

"I think that in our area of the reservation, the people **know** the message, but it has not been lived out to them. I think that once we as Navajo believers commit ourselves to walking the straight and narrow, than God will start to bless our respective ministries."

Though the road he traveled was a lot rougher than that of the other Navajo Grace students, John Ben has now embarked on a journey that he feels will bring him more satisfying experiences.

As a young person, John had a hard time coping with the racism that sometimes exists between Navajo, Hispanic, and Anglo cultures.

"I found out at a very young age about that and I found out that not everybody can be trusted," he says. "It truly is a dog-eat-dog world."

Like most families on the reservation, John's mother was vital in his upbringing; his sensitivity



Navajo students at Grace -- (L to R) Dino Butler, Rena Jim, Lolita Willeto, Lori Curley, Faye Willeto, and Daron Butler.

to her discipline was brought on by her intense love for him.

"I love my mom dearly and there are times she would tell me she was angry with me and that's all she needed to do to make me not misbehave again. There were times she would say, 'I discipline you because I love you. If I didn't love you, I would treat you differently.'"

A reserved and clear-headed man, John grew up attending school at the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission.

"A number of staff were very influential," he recalls. "As a child, some of the female workers would show so much emotion to me, something that I never knew people could feel about me, that it left an impression on me."

John is a Criminal Justice major and is open to what awaits him in the future. He is considering working with the probation department of the Navajo Police or as a counselor of juvenile delinquents.

Down the road, there is also the possibility of marriage. His girlfriend, Lori, is also a student at Grace.

John, in fact, is the reason, Lori Curley is at Grace. A native of Kaibeto, AZ, about 30 miles from Page, AZ, she met John at a camp meeting at the Red Lake Grace Brethren Church in 1986.

I thought it was love at first sight and he was

really funny," she laughs heartily. "He is a gentleman, nice and honest."

She was not impressed when John told her he attended a college in Indiana.

"I thought it was a waste of time," she admits. "I was born into a trade school family (everyone in the family went to trade school) and I figured that to go to college was a waste of my time."

Her ideas have changed since she arrived on campus last fall. Her goal is to work with abused children and she is studying Psychology.

Faye Willeto is probably one of few Navajos who has traveled overseas. She traveled to England in 1985 with a basketball team ministry.

"It was exciting, but I was sort of scared," she recalls, "because I was the only one from my part of the country. I didn't know anyone else and it seemed like everyone else knew each other."

She found the people friendly and open because of her ethnic background.

"At one place, I dressed up in my traditional Navajo outfit and some of the people just stared," she remembers with a laugh. "Some of the people didn't think I could talk English! But some of them were interested in the culture and even asked questions to see if we were up to the times!"

Faye's main influence in her life has been her parents.

"Just to have them pushing and encouraging me is good for me because we, as Navajos, don't really encourage each other. We aren't really that open a people, and it's even hard to say, 'I love you,' even to those you love. Our love at home was never verbalized, but it really was expressed."

Lolita Castillo dreamed early about teaching kids. An Elementary Education major, she used to go behind the house and 'teach' her little brothers and sisters.

"The side of a flatbed truck was the blackboard. We sometimes played in the house, too. It was fun. I like being in front of people, especially little kids."

She came to Grace for a change of pace. "I also wanted to go to a Christian college. I like it. I like the campus and the friends I have here are great."

When she graduates, she hopes to teach in a public school. Then, with that experience under her belt, she'd return to the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission as a teacher.

A cousin recommended that Rena Jim attend Grace College and she doesn't regret coming. "The people here are friendly, and they show that they care about you," she says. "I like the classes, too."

The experience has also taught her a lot about the Christian life.

"When I'm not living right, the lessons we learn in class help me change," she notes.

Rena grew up at Dzilth-Na-O-Dilthle, about 25 miles south of Bloomfield, NM. She attended the nearby Berean Mission School for eight years, then spent a year at Grace Brethren Navajo High School before transferring to Bloomfield High School.

In the remote area of northwestern New Mexico, the vision for a new generation of leadership is becoming reality. Daron, Joanne, Dino, John, Lori, Faye, Lolita, and Rena see they can impact their community. Their backgrounds and experiences vary, but one thing is certain -- education is a high priority, and it is a necessary step to reaching their goals.

A Commitment to Caring

by Kurt Miller

There are two incidents of caring that have been demonstrated within the last few months at the Palm Harbor Grace Brethren Church in Florida. The first involves care exhibited by a family to a lady going through a separation and potential divorce. The second involves the caring for an elderly widow who has no family to see after her needs.

Linda is a young mother of two small children. When her husband walked out, she was left with the task of working full time, meeting daily living expenses, taking care of all household duties, and caring for the needs of her children. The church assisted in a limited way through grocery money, but the need was far greater.

Ann saw that need and volunteered to take the expense of child care off Linda's shoulders. And, even though Ann and her husband were having financially difficult times, she cared for Linda's children every day for months at no charge.

The final result of this demonstration of love was the salvation of Linda's husband and reconciliation!

Christina was an 83-year-old lady known to many as a "bag-lady." She could be seen any day walking the streets carrying a large shopping bag. One evening toward dusk, my wife Anecia offered her a ride. Christina readily accepted and that was the beginning of a wonderful relationship.

It soon became apparent that Christina needed help in many areas and we stepped in to fill the gap. Christina became a regular attender and soon made a profession of faith.

One Sunday while singing "The Old Rugged Cross" for special music, I asked Christina to join me. There was hardly a dry eye in the congregation as her beautiful soprano voice told of her commitment to Christ.

Two weeks later, she went to be with her Lord. Caring. Is it worth it? You will never convince me there is anything more important in life!

Restoring the Image

by Greg Stamm
Lancaster, Ohio

It is common today to hear about people spending thousands of dollars to have a their nose reshaped, ears tucked, or chin softened. This is all for the sake of having a new appearance, a new image. We also hear people talk about the importance of having self-esteem or a good self-image. Unfortunately, those words are usually used apart from any discussion of Scripture.

As Christians, we believe man was created in God's image, because the Bible teaches it in Genesis 1:27. We also believe we still bear God's image even though man sinned against God and we also know we are not spiritually perfect as Adam was before he fell. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 4:22-24 and Colossians 3:9-10 what Adam's spiritual condition was before he fell and the correlation between the believer and Adam. These passages help us understand Adam's original state because Genesis 1:26-27 does not. The terms "image" and "likeness" do not state in any concise way what constitutes the image of God in man. Neither word studies nor the immediate context help us understand the subject.

However, the Apostle Paul sheds great light upon our understanding of Genesis 1:26-27. In Colossians 3:10 and Ephesians 4:24, he states that believers have put on the new man. The latter passage states that this new man *"has been created after God in righteousness and holiness of truth."* Due to the parallel passage, it is correct to understand the word "image" after "God." This new man corresponds to the original image of God in man. It is not that a Christian at his salvation returns to Adam's original state, but that the process of restoring His image is begun and continued until the believer is glorified. The believer has new desires and abilities to do the will of God and he is a citizen of heaven while he remains in this fallen world. Those who have put on the new man become like Christ in righteousness and holiness. The Triune God is righteous and holy and those who put on Christ are characterized by those qualities.

Not only has this "new man" been created in believers, it is continually being renewed (Col. 3:10). Paul says the life and power of Christ within is being constantly renewed as the Holy Spirit reproduces more and more Christ-likeness in the believer. This process of renewal is *"unto-knowledge after the image of him that created*



him." It results in a growth in and an acquisition of knowledge. Prior to becoming a Christian, we were impaired because the conscience was basing decisions upon facts which were unreliable and the product of spiritual ignorance. However, once someone becomes a Christian, his conscience is able to function properly, because there is a renewal of moral and spiritual discernment.

This knowledge is "in conformity with" the image of God and is the creator of the new man. There is a definite allusion to Genesis 1:27 which states that Adam was created by God "in His own image." In light of Colossians 3:10 and Ephesians 4:24, we may conclude that Adam was righteous and holy and was not spiritually ignorant and dead. He knew what God required of him and responded in complete obedience. He fell from that state and it is that state to which Christians are being restored. When God creates the new man in a believer, He begins that process of restoration of His image in man, making that person continually more like His Son. However, we should not conclude that man lost God's image at the Fall. This is somewhat like a marred and battered piece of furniture. It is still recognizable, but there are serious defects and a need for someone to restore it.

As Christians, we should praise the Lord for this process of restoration. God is doing a wonderful work in us through the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we also need to ask ourselves if we indeed are exhibiting righteousness and holiness. As people who are redeemed, we should accurately reflect the character of the Triune God.



Greg Stamm is the founding pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, OH. He and his wife, Sally, have one daughter.



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Unique Singles' Ministry at Southern Lancaster Church

by Jan Shetter

A Christian can find himself(herself) divorced even though he(he) doesn't want to be. When one's mate decides to follow the world and refuses to listen to God's word, the church must encourage, support and love the wronged spouse as God does, not treat him(her) as a leper.

It is out of this care and concern for hurting singles that P.E.P. (People Encouraging People) has been formed here at Southern Lancaster, PA, Grace Brethren Church. This group meets two Monday evenings each month at the church and is open to anyone separated, divorced, never married, or remarried. The meetings offer Bible study and fellowship for members and guests and two classes for their children up to age eleven.

As leader, Ed Weber often teaches the lesson. Qualified Christian guest speakers from outside our congregation have also explored topics such as "Step Parenting" and "Listening". Our own Associate Pastor, Stan Winder, encourages us all with his presence at meetings and occasional teaching. Our Senior Pastor, Vernon Harris and Mrs. Harris have also spoken.

A recent interview with Pastor Harris brought out his viewpoint on P.E.P. and its ministry here at the church and in our community at large.

"The church in general takes a 'hands off' position concerning the needs of the divorced because divorce is a touchy subject. With the main ministry of the church being the family, it's been an oversight, an area we neglect," says Pastor Harris.

Pastor rarely gets to talk with the guilty party: few who come to him acknowledge their guilt. He tries to take people at their word when they do come to him and help them get their lives straightened out through faith in Christ. "When moral issues arise among our members, we do deal with them. We try counseling, offering help and, if necessary, confrontation."

Pastor Harris feels that Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church tries to minister to PEOPLE and their needs. "With half the marriages ending in divorce, this an area where the church must do something!" added Pastor Harris.

Pastor went on to express his opinion on the

pressing needs of the single parent families. "Some are victims because of circumstances beyond their control; therefore, they are worthy of our assistance, be it financial, emotional, or social," stated Pastor Harris.

"P.E.P. has given a new dimension to ministry here at Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. More than half those attending P.E.P. are outside our congregation. We have already had P.E.P. members from outside our church come to know Christ and become members here," he remarked.

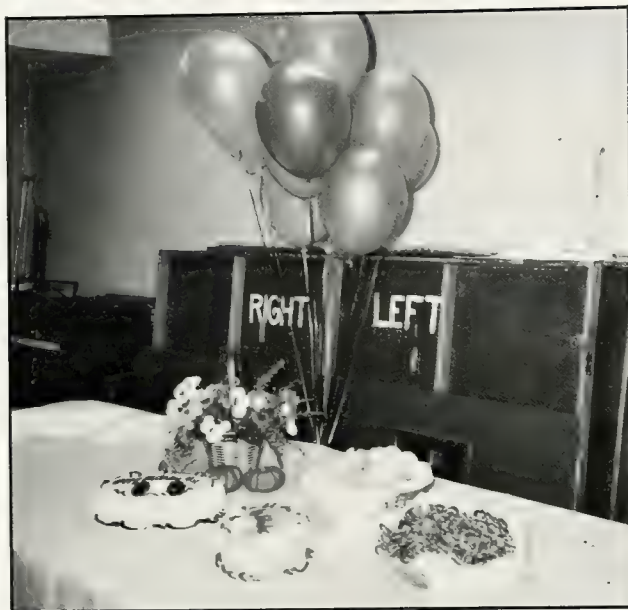
"I would recommend a group such as our P.E.P. for other churches; the need for this ministry is continuing to increase. This is a wide-open door for opportunity to any church," ended Pastor Harris.

*People Encouraging People
has evolved out of a need to
show care and concern for
hurting singles.*

It is necessary to have the support of our church in order for P.E.P.'s ministry to work. We appreciate this concern and involvement; it is a great encouragement to us.

P.E.P. was formed as an outgrowth of a singles' Sunday School Care Group. It first met in the spring of 1986 in the home of Ron and Bobbi Cohen. Ron was at that time the Minister of Administration here at Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. When the Cohens left for an extensive trip to Alaska that summer, the group continued to meet in the home of Sheldon and Jan Shetter. The group grew and by October 1986, Ed Weber, having emerged as the leader, encouraged the church to allow us to meet there.

A steering committee was formed at that time consisting of Ed, Sheldon and Jan and Mike and Londa Reach. The committee meets monthly to plan the topics of discussion, social events and fund raisers. All members of this committee had suffered the pain and anguish of divorce and



rebuilding their lives. The Reaches and Shetters still carry a burden for singles and their presence serves as an encouragement -- hope to those who are now unattached that there is life after divorce. As the functions of P.E.P. expanded, new members were added to the steering committee. Sharon Stauffer efficiently arranges for babysitting, Deb Frey for clean-up, and Mike and Dottie Klase are in charge of social events.

In addition to our regular Monday meetings, P.E.P. plans social functions often including the children. Below are the activities we enjoyed during 1987:

- Bowling/Pizza Party
- Bill Gaither Concert in Hershey, PA
- Memorial Day Picnic at Long's Park, Lancaster
- Miniature Golf and Cookout
- 2 Car Wash **Fun** Fund Raisers
- Family Fun Night with Games & Homemade Ice Cream
- Movie Night with Popcorn
- Christmas Family Feast/Balloon Ministry for Kids
- Christmas Caroling

We try to plan activities once every six weeks -- sometimes funding the entire event. We attempt to create fun evenings (with and without children) to give members an evening out with believers in order to get acquainted and to fill the voids in their lives.

We have experienced growing pains from time to time, but through prayer, compromise and guidance from our pastors, we have grown in understanding the needs of those to whom we

minister. We must keep in mind ALWAYS that this is the Lord's work and His ministry, not ours.

By August of 1987, it became apparent that there was a need for babysitting. So long as it was summer, there were few problems because the children could play outdoors. As fall approached and the number of children increased, we realized a need for separating the children into two groups: one for pre-schoolers, the other for school age children. (Actually, we would have more classes if space were not a factor.)

Two teenage girls, Jody Smith and Lori Flick work with the younger children and Sheldon and Jan Shetter ministered to the school age group. With the Shetters absent from P.E.P. Meetings, this created a burden on Londa and Mike Reach who remained as the only greeters. So the Lord solved our problem! He sent Brian Ressler, a young adult who had been a child of divorce himself, to help Jan who continues to plan for both classes. With this welcome addition, Sheldon is able to rejoin the adults and add his listening ear to that of the Reaches.



We try to show these hurting children the love of Jesus

In addition to Bible stories and related activities, the children are also encouraged to help others and to share by preparing snacks or making a gift for a friend. We recognize that the ministry to children is of utmost importance. They are often overlooked or abused in any number of ways. We try to help them become a support group for one another and thus work through their feelings of sadness, guilt, fear and hostility. We try to show these hurting children the love of Jesus. At the end of each meeting, we all enjoy playing games as well.

We do not claim to have answers to the members' varied needs, but we do listen and care. We offer assistance when we can or direct members to a professional when we can not. What we do offer is hope: Hope in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We try always to focus on Biblical answers to problems and in this way exhort one another to grow in faith and understanding of biblical truths.

We have learned that by helping others, we have been helped ourselves. As our members begin to help one another, we observe the healing of this P.E.P. Ministry. This is an encouragement to all who would minister for the Lord! 📖



Preparations for P.E.P. Party which included their children.



"With half the marriages (in our country) ending in divorce, this is an area where the church must do something!"

Mike Reach and Jan Shetter, sponsors of P.E.P.

Boards Honor Grace Graduates

On May 11, the National Boards of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches held a brunch at the Viewpoint Restaurant in Warsaw, IN for the Grace Brethren graduates of Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN. Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Grace Schools, GBC Christian Education, Missionary Herald, Grace Village and the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation participated in honoring the graduates who were presented with a copy of the *Lion Bible Encyclopedia*. Representing the boards were Robert Thompson, Sherwood Durkee, Brad Skiles, Ed Lewis, David Plaster, Charles Turner, Wendell Kent, Tom Julien and Walter Fretz.

Plans are being formulated to make the brunch an annual event.



Grace Brethren Home Missions Executive Director Robert Thompson chats with a graduate.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MARRIAGES

BASTING: Janet Hoxworth and Robert Basting, March 26, 1988, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

HEFFELFINGER: Michelle Henry and William Heffelfinger, April 23, 1988, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

NEWCOM: Gladys Fatkin and George Newcom, May 14, 1988, Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, PA. Gary Gnagey, pastor.

SCARBOROUGH: Virginia Hartman and Vincent Scarborough, March 12, 1988, in the Pelzer Presbyterian Church, Pelzer, SC. Pastor Russell Ogden (Lanham, MD) officiated. Vincent is a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Lanham, MD.

DEATHS

GILBERT, MIRIAM, 85, April 19, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Lanham, MD, since 1913. Russ Ogden, pastor.

PEITZMAN, ELLEN, 80, January 12, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Dallas Center, IA. Stephen Burns, pastor.

SHOCKEY, ALICE, 79, May 9, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA, and the Pearls of Wisdom Fellowship Group.

TURMAN, FRANK, 85, May 1, 1988. He was a faithful member of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church, Hollidaysburg, PA, was a licensed minister in the Grace Brethren Fellowship, and served as a pastor -- his last pastorate was in Indiana, PA, for the West Penn District Mission Board. Robert Griffith, pastor.

WALLS, ROBERT W., 61, May 1, 1988. He was a member of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church, Hollidaysburg, PA. Robert Griffith, pastor.

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News Update

Greg Ryerson has resigned as pastor of the Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church, Spokane, WA, and has assumed leadership of the Grace Brethren Church of Centerville, OH. He began his ministry there on May 22, 1988.

Lee Rogers, a deacon in the Spokane church, has been called to serve as interim pastor.

Mifflin, OH. A position is open for an assistant pastor who can work in the areas of youth, music, and outreach. If interested, please send resume, along with salary requirements, to: Charles Barnhill, Sr. Pastor, Mifflin Grace Brethren Church, 1149 C.R. 30-A, Mifflin, OH 44805.

Anchorage, AK. Greatland Grace Brethren Church has record attendance! This church was started on November 22, 1987, and reached 88 in attendance on Easter Sunday. E. John Gillis, pastor.

Hemet, CA. The Grace Brethren Church of Hemet, CA, closed as of May 11, 1988.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, has announced a two-day commemoration of the founding of their church. On Saturday, August 13, an open house will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. There will be booths and displays where the history of the church will be traced, along with a brief service at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Knute Larson will be the speaker on Sunday, August 14. Pastor Robert Fetterhoff, the staff and members of the church cordially invite you to join with them on these two special days.

Kenneth Brown has accepted the call to become senior pastor of the East Side Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, OH.

Mr. Brown had served as pastor of the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, Akron, OH.

Winslow Thurston was ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday, May 22, 1988. The service was held in the Grace Brethren Church of Lanham, MD. Pastor Russell Ogden officiated.

Edward Lewis was given a unanimous call by the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church of Pompano Beach, FL, and was installed as full-time pastor on June 5, 1988.

In a letter from Mr. Lewis, he states that the church is experiencing a real "revival in that three people accepted Christ as Savior, eleven people joined the church and ten were baptized. God has been working in a phenomenal way and we praise Him for it."

Jeff Hoffard has accepted the call to become senior pastor of the congregation at the Grace Brethren Church, Leesburg, IN.

Additional Computers Help Grace Students

Students in the college's business, computer science, math, and art departments, as well as seminary students studying church administration, have access to new computers at Grace College, Winona Lake, IN.

Twenty-one new IBM PS/2 Model 30 computers were installed last summer in the PC lab, and the art department has ordered three new Apple Macintosh II computers and associated equipment for graphic arts classes.

The new PS/2 lab is being funded through gifts from alumni and other donors, Business Prof. William Gordon said. He also indicated that additional gifts are needed to achieve full funding of the project. The Macintosh computers for graphic arts were provided through a \$40,000 gift from the R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company.

Grace also is planning two other computer lab additions -- a second PC lab for the business, science, and mathematics departments and expansion of the education department's computer lab.

Huaiyin, People's Republic of China



Ruth Bell Graham shows her husband, evangelist Billy Graham, the house where she spent the first 17 years of her life. She was the daughter of Presbyterian Medical Missionary Surgeon Dr. L. Nelson Bell. Her former home and many other buildings, including the old hospital, are still standing. Huaiyin is located on the Grand Canal in Jiangsu Province. The hospital was

built by the father of American novelist Pearl Buck.

Several Chinese women who had worked at the hospital during Dr. Bell's days were present for a surprise visit with Ruth and her husband.

Wheaton, Illinois

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, whose name was long synonymous with the ongoing work of evangelicals united in the cause of Christ, died Friday, June 3, 1988, at his home in Arnold, MD. He was 83.

For more than 40 years, Dr. Taylor, known widely as "Mr. NAE," served evangelicals through their premier unifying organization, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). He also contributed significantly to the founding of both World Relief Corporation and the National Religious Broadcasters.

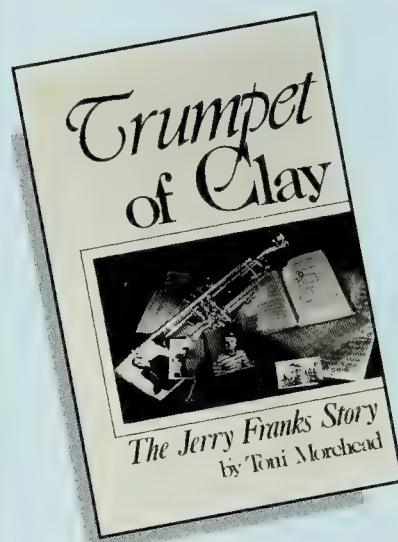
Even after "retiring" in 1975, Dr. Taylor remained chairman of the U.S.A. World Evangelical Fellowship Committee, international representative of the World Relief Corporation and member emeritus on NAE's Board of Administration.

When asked why he spent so many years in sacrificial service when he could have quit for higher financial rewards elsewhere, Dr. Taylor responded, "I was a coward. I was afraid to get out of the Lord's will."

A memorial fund has been established at the Clyde Taylor Chair of Missions at Ft. Wayne Bible College in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Johnstown, PA

A First Love Renewal was held at the Riverside Grace Brethren Church April 29-May 1. Over 74 registered, including 16 pastors, and larger crowds were present on Sunday to hear the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries teaching team of: Juan Isais, Ed Waken, Phil Guerna and Ron Thompson. Evangelist and musician Alan Read led the music and worship portion of the 20-hour seminar. A large group knelt at the altar in a service of consecration and commitment.



The Jerry Franks Story

Trumpet of Clay is the inspirational story of Jerry Franks, formerly with Grace College, a gifted musician who was struck blind overnight. Author Toni Morehead shares the struggles that Jerry Franks has faced in daily life.

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To What Shall I Liken This Generation?

by Charles W. Turner

Jesus was always under the scrutiny of His distractors. He was also the keenest appraiser of His time. When confronted with questions of the times in which He lived upon the earth, He came up with an accurate evaluation of the generation of His time. He compared the people to children playing in the street and acting like -- children. Their depth of perception and understanding of life was missing. They were interested only in themselves.

Times have not changed a great deal. Many commentators have described our generation as "The Give-Me Generation". People today are interested only in themselves and what they can get out of life. Mankind has always been self-centered, so there is nothing new about all of this.

There are several other labels I think fit this generation as neatly as a tailored suit. We could be labeled as "The Throw-Away Generation" and also "The Walk-Away Generation". "The Throw-Away Generation" because we are disposing of our traditional values as if they were leftovers or trash. "The Walk-Away Generation" label also fits us because if we do not like something or the problem gets too big, we just walk away from our responsibilities. It matters little whether our responsibilities are marriage, job or finances, if the going gets tough, we get going.

We are people who throw away things at unmatched levels. One

of the problems and opportunities of our age is what to do with our leftovers. Almost everything is made to be used once and tossed into the trash. The dilemma of what to do with the trash heap is producing a mammoth new industry. Some of our trash is dangerous and will be for generations, so we pay millions to find it a "safe" new home. The outstanding example of what to do with trash was the "New York Garbage Barge Cruise" of last year. It was hauled out to sea to seek a new home. It went on one of those deluxe cruises down the East Coast, around Florida and back home again.

"The Throw-Away Generation" and "The Walk-Away Generation" are labels that fit us as neatly as a tailored suit.

The "Garbage Barge Cruise" was a vacation trip that most New Yorkers would have loved. Their garbage had the opportunity to go at taxpayers' expense on a cruise that most people will never afford. However, the trash came back home after "seeing" all of this lovely scenery. People can make all of this trash, but it is tough to find a final resting place for it.

Sadly, life has also become so common we literally throw it away. The result of abortions is human beings consigned to the trash barrels. We are throwing away our heritage as well as our knowledge of God.

We have become a "Walk-Away Generation". If the marriage isn't going well, then walk away. If the job gets too tough, then leave. If the bills get too high, then walk away. Employers and even the church are having a difficult time finding those who will stick to the job and find solutions rather than taking a stroll. It is getting more difficult to find persons who will commit themselves to offices and responsibilities in the church. If there is a time conflict, one's personal pursuits come first and God and the Church can wait for a later day.

To label all of this generation as "Throw-Away" and "Walk-Away" is incorrect. There are those persons who are willing to put their responsibilities and their loyalty to God before their personal desires. More of these people are needed if we are to accomplish the unfinished task of carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. The harvest is ready; it is a time of call for laborers.

We need to make select choices on our "Throw-Aways" and be certain to "Walk-Away" from the wrong things. ■

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My Father's World

The Butterfly

by Raeann Hart

Behold the beauty of a butterfly on a
warm and lazy afternoon.
Briefly it lights on a golden flower
ready to float away all too soon.
I catch a glimpse of fragile loveliness,
paper-thin wings that fly in the air.
My eyes strive to hold the memory of the
elegance that had just been there.
It's so hard to imagine this beautiful
creature was once an ugly worm.
Eating my roses, devouring the tree leaves,
avoiding the birds with a squirm.
Selfishly crunching and munching, it
demonstrates no charm and gives no pleasure.
Only God can change a chubby caterpillar
into a splendid creature.
Lord, how often am I like that caterpillar
seeing only my own needs?
Instead of unselfishly soaring like a butterfly
where Your great love leads.
Dear Lord, help me to always remember
Your love and Your Word have the power.
To keep transforming this worm into Your
butterfly
day by day
hour by hour.

Our Safe Home

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young --
a place near your altar,
O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

Psalms 84:1-4 NIV

This Is My Father's World

by Maltbie D. Babcock

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light,
the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass
I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.
This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died
shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

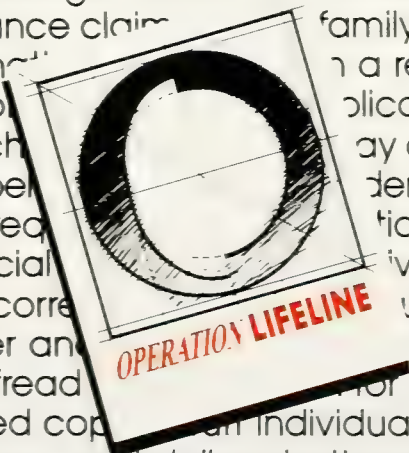
Dear Heavenly Father,

You have given us such a beautiful world to enjoy.
Help us to appreciate the wonders of your creation
and be good stewards of Your bounty. Help us to care
for the land you have given us and treat your crea-
tion and your creatures with respect.

Lord, help us to dwell in Your Word so that we may
become unselfish people, soaring like butterflies,
sharing the nectar of your Word and Your love with
others. Keep us from feeding ourselves selfishly on
the flesh of this world's pleasures and ignoring the
plan you have for our lives.

Lord, give us thankful hearts, appreciating your
goodness and blessings and letting Your love flow
through us into others.

How would your missionary spend his time if the GBFM home office did not exist? Deposit support checks in the bank. Develop a roll of film. Answer a pastor's phone call and schedule a speaking engagement for a missionary. UPS the Missionaries of the Year slide program to a WMC in Wooster, Ohio. Call a travel agent for a roundtrip ticket to Bangui. Contact several other agencies to compare prices. Get luggage restrictions. Call airline, get transferred five times, listen to eight minutes of elevator music, haggle through luggage restrictions and finally, compromise with airline representative. Confirm reservations. Send a check for the tickets. Pick them up. Analyze cost of living and currency exchange rate in Portugal by determining the cost of housing, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, research taxes, fees, and duties. Interview a potential missionary to Japan. Shoot a passport picture. Choose background music for a slide tape. Negotiate the best traincar size shipping container. Contact past transport company. Discover they have gone out of business and search for another one. Contact a shipping company which ships to Africa. Work until three a.m. preparing shipping lists. Risk arrest when picking the latch of missionary's storage locker because the key was misplaced. Fret when the driver gets lost. Smile and pray when the trucker says he does not know what to do with the bill of lading which tells him where to deliver the container. Monthly calculate percentage changes in cost of living and currency exchange. Write an article for Significant Times Magazine. Thank an exceptional giver. Send out preliminary application for missionary service in Brazil. Repair a tape recorder. Program a computer, input data, lose entire file and day's work, scream, pound and threaten computer. Receipt every personal gift. Locate a car for home ministries. Update address changes. File insurance claim. Send family photo for Southern Lancaster GBC. Study best alternative for a retirement fund. Buy a slide projector. Record a Missionary church service. Duplicate 240 copies, package, address, and send to church. Pay on Spain for a missions conference at Northwest Chapel. Receive audience from the Philippines. Call the French Embassy and request a visa. Complete forms, type a letter guaranteeing financial support. Receive photos, wait two weeks, repeat entire process with corrections. Answer prayer requests sent from every country for Prayer and Praise. Send to printer to have them typeset, proofread. Receive corrections, give the okay to print, fold 17,000 printed copies into individual envelopes, address each envelope, seal, add postage, and deliver to the post office. Write a missionary biography. Send a quarterly financial report to the Board. Search slide files to find photos for a brochure. **This is what the home office team is all about— details. For every missionary GBFM sends to a foreign field, it costs approximately \$2,325 yearly in home office staff expenses. Yet, when one contributes to missionary support, all of that money goes to the missionary and his expenses; none goes to the home office. Visualize the disappearance of the home office team. Get the picture?**



PUTTING IT INTO FOCUS

How is the home office team supported?

The GBFM home office team is supported only by undesignated offerings and/or offerings specifically marked GBFM general fund.

When the mission was established in 1900, missionary support was channeled directly through the mission's general fund. Churches did not want to localize their support for one or two missionary families, but wanted to support all missionaries in all fields.

However, as the years passed and the number of missionaries increased, gifts to the general fund decreased because people gave more faithfully when they could give direct, personal support. As a result of this and a 1963 board decision, missionary support procedures were restructured. Missionaries would raise personal support; the general fund would cover home office expenses.

How are funds in the home office used?

Fourteen people work as home office staff members. Their salaries and benefits are included, plus office equipment, office rent and utilities, phone expenses, postage, office supplies, administrative travel, and costs for processing candidates—everything that keeps a business running efficiently.

If the home office team helps the missionary

minister more effectively, then why isn't a percentage taken out of the missionaries' support for the home office?

Many mission boards follow this principle, but GBFM wants to assure its supporters that all monies designated for a particular missionary will go to him and his ministry. In addition, the missionary will not have to be burdened with increases in home office salaries and equipment.

How large is the GBFM general fund deficit?

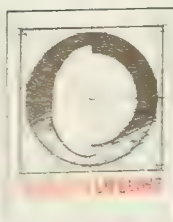
At the present time, offerings are not meeting expenses. In 1987, the GBFM general fund had a \$129,538 year end deficit. If general giving trends continue in 1988, the projected deficit will be \$175,000 on December 31, 1988. In order to maintain the cash flow at the present time, we are having to borrow funds.

How can you help?

Our short-term goal is that 3,500 individuals will give \$50 over and above their present offering before December 31 to "Operation Lifeline". Our long-term goal is that churches will commit 10% of their missions budget to "Operation Lifeline" fund.

Because few churches and individuals committed support to the GBFM general fund in 1987, GBFM ended the year with a \$130,000 deficit. In fact, the home office has ended with a deficit every year since 1980. This has become a serious problem.

*The GBFM home office is the lifeline between the local church and its missionaries overseas. without you it cannot function. Let's work together to maintain the lifeline. Please mark your offering envelope **OPERATION LIFELINE** today.*



Some People Don't Want to Change

by Raymond W. Thompson

"Mr. Thompson, do you realize that some people don't want to change their lives?" This question posed by Frederick, an intelligent young Navajo, summarizes the most difficult problem faced by the missionary.

Frederick had been listening as I talked with his brother Don (not their real names) about the joys of allowing Jesus to be the Lord of his life. Don, a former student in my high school Bible class, had chosen to leave school and follow a course of willful sin against God and society. Previously, I had visited him in jail and had spoken to him about the direction his life was taking and its ultimate end. On this night, I was asked to pick him up at the hospital following treatment of injuries incurred in a drunken barroom brawl.

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Now seemed an opportune time to remind Don again that there is a better way. His careless response brought forth Frederick's exclamation, together with a further declaration of his own feelings: "I don't want to be anybody's project!"

"Ripened harvest fields? People eager to hear the Gospel?" Lord, why did you place me among people who don't care? This isn't what I expected.

Do you have a heart for missions? Do you pray for missionaries? It's not the strain of overwork or the heat of battle from the opposition that undercuts the missionary's idealistic motivation.

Oswald Chambers clarifies the issue and encourages us to keep going and to keep praying as he writes: "Jesus Christ is an offense to the . . . mind of today that does not want Him in any other way than as a Comrade. Our Lord's first priority of obedience was to the will of His Father, not to the needs of men; the saving of men was the natural outcome of His obedience to the Father. If I am devoted to the cause of humanity only, I will soon be exhausted and come to the place where my love will falter; but if I love Jesus Christ

personally and passionately, I can serve humanity though men treat me as a doormat." (*My Utmost for His Highest*, Dodd Mead & Company, 1935)

Jesus is our pattern for all service to God. First, He was obedient to the Father in everything He did. Second, He identified with the people in all their hurts and offered genuine understanding and help for their needs. Third, his objective was always to lead hurting people to life-changing faith in Himself. Fourth, His only reward was the Father's, "Well done", never the acclaim of people.

The obedient missionary must equip himself to identify with the people among whom he labors, even as Christ became one with us. As a spiritual leader and counselor, he must know where his people are coming from and attempt to walk the stony path with them if he is going to gain a hearing. Work among the Navajo people provides a grand illustration.

The missionary must have a sense of history. The white man has forgotten, or current generations have not known, the tensions which lie below the surface as the Indian relates to the white man today. Whether or not the missionary's good news is accepted may depend more on historical factors over which he has no control than upon his personal efforts. Unintended blunders in this area can prove disastrous.

Unfortunately our white society, often motivated by politics, has endeavored to atone for past mistakes by providing programs involving the outlay of dollars without determining what genuine benefits to the Navajo society are to be achieved. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, January 4, 1935, said, "Continued dependence upon relief includes a spiritual and moral disintegration fundamentally destructive to the natural fiber. To dole out relief in this way is to administer a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit."

With great love and tenderness for these people among whom we have lived for almost eight years, I must say that we have witnessed a high degree of this destruction of the human spirit about which President Roosevelt warned. We have found Navajos to possess good intellectual potential, exceptional artistic talent, great mechanical ability and physical hardiness which elicits admiration

But with these outstanding qualities there is a certain acceptance of things as they are, a lack of concern to make their world a better place, a weakness of spirit which prefers to look back on the days of tribal greatness rather than driving toward future excellence.

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It appears that the paternalistic spirit of our government, which dispenses with one hand while imposing control with the other, has broken the spirit of these once-proud people to the point where a talented, intelligent young man who should be completing professional graduate school, will look me in the eye and say, "Do you realize that some people don't want to change?" And that is how we see him frequently -- apathetically existing without any effort to improve himself.

Reading through several issues of the Navajo Nation newspaper, *Navajo Times*, is an enlightening experience. The levels of concern do not deal with great projects of which they are capable, or the inspiring contributions they plan to make to their world, even beyond the reservation. Rather there is a continual clamor, from the top leadership to the lowest grass roots, to make certain that their voice is heard at every political level so they won't miss out on any piece of pie that is available from government relief programs. Certainly Navajos deserve just treatment by governmental agencies, but they are missing the greatness of which they are capable as they sit and wait for benefits to be handed to them.

Of greater concern than the socio-economic needs of these gifted but impoverished folk, we see above all else a spiritual lack which is pervasive -- people clinging to the "Old Way" ceremonies and acknowledgement of spirits which do not meet their needs, but offer one last thread of continuity to the lost glories of a by-gone day. Perhaps it was fear that caused a Navajo family to buy the medicine man's services until it was too late for the surgeon to help as a young mother died of peritonitis, devastating a large family. Perhaps more than fear, is the reluctance to give away more "sacred ground" to the white man's ways. Again the word comes, "Don't you realize some people don't want to change?"

But change is the only answer the white missionary has to offer the Navajo. Not change to the white man's way, but a change which is beyond human culture, and announced by Jesus to

Nicodemus in the words, "You must be born again." Born of God -- born to His eternal life. Only then can wounded spirits be healed and the image of God in Navajo people be restored.

Missionary-hearted reader, pray for God's messengers to Navajoland. We live here, but we have not broken through the walls surrounding many of these precious people's hearts. Near, but so far away, they can't hear us.



Ray Thompson and his wife, Mary, complete eight years of ministry among the Navajo Indians this month when they retire and move to Winona Lake, IN. They have been a vital part in the day-to-day operation of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, Counselor, NM, since 1980. He has worked with church planting and she has developed brochures and other promotional material, including writing and editing the quarterly publication, *Desert Rain*.

Graduation

Two Navajo PK's (pastor's kids) graduated from Grace Brethren Navajo High School this spring. Pictured are Sandra Butler with her parents, Tully and Mary Butler, of the Cedar Hill (NM) Grace Brethren Church, and Lorraine Trujillo with her parents, John and Nora Trujillo, of the Red Lake (AZ) Grace Brethren Church.



Lorraine, John and Nora Trujillo



Sandra, Tully and Mary Butler

Making Compassion A Reality

by Don Buckingham

In II Corinthians, God's Word declares the fascinating result of Christ's compassion in the life of every child of God. Here we learn that the love of Christ changes the way we LIVE in the world and the way we LOOK at the world.

"For the love of Christ constrains us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (II Corinthians 5:14-17, New King James Version)

Accompanying the theme of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches National Conference, "A Call to Compassion," this passage tells how the compassion of Christ can become a practical reality in every heart.

Notice first the love of Christ changes the way we LIVE in the world. The love of Jesus was a living reality in the apostle Paul's heart and it had a radical impact on the way he lived. He describes it as constraining, compelling, controlling, dominating, directing, pressing in on every side, even forming the very perimeter for his daily living! It gripped him in such a way that it held him to the task that God set before him -- the stewardship of the Great Commission. What was true for Paul in his day remains true for you and me today. The love of Christ is still on display in the world, for Romans 5:8 says *"God demonstrates (ongoing action, even to the present hour) His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* The compassion Christ demonstrated in His death is still powerful to convict sinners and change them into sons of God.

Just as the love of Christ constrains, it also compels. When a river runs outside its natural boundaries, it dissipates into a swamp. But a river under constraint rushes forward with explosive power! Even so, the love of Christ which constrains our life's plans also compels our life's priorities to (1) a crucial commitment in living for the Lord; (2) a complete consecration in becoming like the Lord; and (3) a compassionate compliance in serving the

Lord. All that Jesus commands then genuinely becomes our first concern.

The love of Christ holds us captive to the fact that God chose us, as sinners, to become his own dear children and He sacrificed Himself to pay for our sins. God has set us apart as His adopted sons, elevating us to the high position and privilege allowed by such a relationship. In Christ, each child is a co-heir of "all things in heaven and earth" over which the Lord rules. Following the example of Jesus, the Son of God, we are also called to condescend, to step down, from our place of privilege. We are to set aside, for a time, the pleasure of sonship and serve our heavenly father as stewards in obedience to the Great Commission of Christ. Like Jesus, who *"... did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45), we are all called by God as obedient sons into sacrificial service!

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Second, let us learn that the love of Christ changes the way we LOOK at the world. Following his own conversion, the apostle Paul looked at everything and everyone through the spectacles of salvation, glasses tinted by the good news of the Gospel! In the same way, today, the love of Christ causes us to look at the world differently and changes our standards for evaluating the worth of every individual. No longer is a man or woman's beauty, intelligence, abilities, wealth, or power the measure of human worth. Because Christ died for us while we were still sinners, we do not neglect either the unlovely or the unlearned, the handicapped or the helpless.

When we see others through the love of Christ, *"we regard no one according to the flesh."* There is a story of a young soldier who telephoned his parents after his discharge from military service in Vietnam. He asked if he could bring a badly wounded buddy home with him. He explained

that the soldier had severe handicaps -- the loss of an eye, a leg, and an arm. After a long pause, his parents begrudgingly granted permission for the wounded man to stay with their family until more suitable care could be arranged elsewhere. Two days later the parents received the tragic news that their son had plunged to his death from a hotel window. When his body arrived for burial, you can imagine their shock when they learned he had been the one wounded in battle and was returning home with only one eye, one arm, and one leg.

Brethren, Christ did not reach out to us in such a manner. With unreserved compassion He looked upon our sin sick condition and with unrestrained commitment He gave Himself as the substitute receiving full penalty for our sin. When we look at the lost, like Christ, we have compassion. When we are confronted with the sinful conflict or the cultures of people different from ourselves, neither our selfishness nor our sensibilities should obstruct us from preaching the gospel to every creature.

Our uplook determines our outlook! Paul's perspective, the way he looked at life, was changed by the way he looked at both the person and the program of Jesus Christ. Because of Christ, we see life as a process of changing from the man we once

were to the man we are becoming. As children of God, we are part of the created order Jesus inaugurated by His death and resurrection. Not only has the power of Christ reconciled us to God, but His compassion is in the process of restoring all the brokenness caused by sin in this world. We are part of a new creation where old things have passed away and all things have become new in Christ.

The compassion of Christ changes the way we LIVE in the world and the way we LOOK at the world. Jesus calls the brethren to reflect His likeness before the watching world. If we have been born again into Jesus' new created order, if we are his disciples and are actually becoming Christ-like, then the love of Christ is what we are and the compassion is what we are all about!



Don Buckingham is planting a Grace Brethren Church in Lafayette, IN. He and his wife, Gay Lynn, have two sons.

Worth the Wait

by Sam Baer

During our first year of ministry at Dryhill, KY, we invited Marvin Lowery, former pastor of the Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Church, to speak during a special anniversary service. My wife, Betty, and Sally Jane Begley, who has been part of the church since the beginning, invited Golia and Reggie Begley to attend.

Golia remembered Pastor Lowery so he and his wife came for that September, 1979 service. Betty and Sally Jane continued to invite them to attend regular services and they began to regularly attend in February, 1980.

Several times over the years, I would present the plan of salvation to Golia, but he wasn't ready to make a commitment. Often, I would repeat the sinner's prayer, hoping that Golia would follow, but he didn't. Yet he and Reggie and their growing family faithfully attended our church each Sunday.

The pressures began to mount in Golia's life. He and Reggie began to teach their three children at home, his blood pressure increased despite a strict diet, his mother and a close friend both died. It all came to a head one September Saturday as he was driving to nearby Hyden. Everything seemed to be pressing in. He turned his truck around and

headed home. That started an eight-hour discussion with his wife. Finally, at 11 p.m., Golia surrendered his life to God.

The next morning, they came to church as usual. At the close of Sunday School, he handed me the tract our church uses entitled "How to Get to Heaven from Dryhill, KY." I opened it and there on the bottom right corner, after the sinner's prayer, was Golia's name, signed in full. When I looked up, he had tears in his eyes. "It's about time," he said.

Golia came forward that morning to make a public profession of faith. The next week, I baptized him in the Kentucky Middle Fork River.

Since then, Golia has been an active part of the Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel. He invites others to attend, has been involved in the building program, and meets with me for discipleship.

During those long years, we often wondered if we would see Golia accept Christ. We prayed faithfully for him and asked others to do likewise. When it finally happened, it seemed like a dream. What a thrill to see this Christian family growing in God's grace weekly. Thank God for answered prayer.

F.L.R. FEEDBACK!

Since the inauguration of First Love Renewals in our fellowship in 1987, approximately forty FGBC pastors have attended. Registrants are given an opportunity to evaluate the seminar and offer constructive criticism. The positive response has been overwhelming. Here is what some of our pastors are saying:

"Since 1985 each of our moderators has pled for revival in our Fellowship of Churches. The need now is even greater for a renewal of our first love for Christ. The emphasis of B.E.M. is timely. It is practical, challenging, inspirational and informative. It was a very refreshing spiritual experience for me." -- Dr. Lester E. Pifer

"I have been to many soul-winning seminars, but while they were beneficial, they cannot be compared to the First Love Renewal I was privileged to attend at Johnstown, PA. I will not be satisfied until every member of North Buffalo Grace Brethren is exposed to it. As a fellowship, we need to show B.E.M. that we are 100% behind this program. **I will never be the same since attending First Love Renewal.** It has already made my ministry more productive." -- Bob Burns

"The principles taught are Scriptural, leaving no excuse. My first love was renewed by the Spirit of God through the music, messages, and the realization that it is the Holy Spirit Who arranges, creates, and activates the witness. **Guilt and fear of failure are gone and joy has returned.** F.L.R. is the answer to the great need among GBC Fellowship." -- Robert Markley

"First Love Renewal was a blessing and challenge to me, especially Juan Isais and his staff. Their vision and heartbeat for God and our fellowship is crucial. We need their commitment and concern." -- Steve Jarrell

"... I am praising God for the blessings of 'First Love Renewal.' It has proved to be great and we are seeing the results in our services. In the past month we have taken in 13 new members, baptized 8, with 2 first-time decisions. We have been using many of the suggestions and ideas received at the meeting in St. Petersburg." -- Edward Lewis

"I think one of the greatest blessings of the First Love Renewal Seminars is that it encourages the believer to follow the admonition of II Timothy 1:6 and II Peter 1:13 and 3:1 to 'stir up' the gifts they have. It is not a new program of evangelism." Dr. J. Keith Altig

"It is a firm conviction of mine that our Fellowship needs desperately to evaluate our first love. It is not a matter of programs (although there is a place for them) that will change our churches, but a change of heart in our people that will change our churches. F.L.R. is a tremendous tool for **heart change. All of our churches should consider it.** F.L.R. frees people to share Christ in a guilt-free atmosphere. It draws our attention to Christ and His power in our lives. The heartbeat of F.L.R. is compassion for the lost and is that not one of God's heartbeats?" -- Randy Weekley

"Three of us from our church attended the recent First Love Renewal at Johnstown, PA. It was better than we expected. We want to implement the emphasis on evangelism by the whole congregation, and also upgrade our music program to encourage worship and more involvement." -- J. Vernon Harris

"First Love Renewal is different. It is not a system to sell the Gospel, but a simple approach to sharing the Gospel in an appealing way. It frees you to witness naturally and with ease. **My advice -- attend one if it is anywhere near you.**" -- Ralph Wiley

A "sampling" of what is involved in F.L.R. will be offered at the Christian Education Convention, August 4, at Palm Desert, California.

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We Did It; So Can You!

by **Betty Hall**

Florida Suncoast District President

How does a WMC National Literature Secretary move from Winona Lake, Indiana to Florida and survive without WMC? There was no local WMC and no District WMC and the one thing I missed most was WMC. The local Baptist women's organization couldn't compare to our WMC. A year later, when our Grace Brethren Church was organized, I was ready to shout: "now we can have WMC again." And we did. Our WMC was organized almost immediately. Since the start WMC has been important to our ladies.

We like it because we place special emphasis upon missions; learning about our missionaries, writing letters to them, emphasizing our missionaries of the year, praying for them individually and truly making it a **W Missionary C.**

When the group is small, we have found that it works best for one person to assume the responsibility of all the business details and plan the meetings, another person taking the year's Bible studies and another the missions emphasis. That way it's always planned and each carries thru on her part. The yearly program packet is a must for small groups wanting to have a truly great WMC. Add to the program packet an enthusiastic leader who is a promoter and also keeps the meetings within a 2 hour limit (including refreshment

time) plus a dedicated Bible study leader and missions chairman, it won't fail. It's fun to see neighborhood women, who are not Grace Brethren being faithful to our WMC and participating too.

Then -- it was District Conference time. Imagine my let-down feeling to go to District Conference with no WMC on the agenda. What to do? Just keep thinking WMC and not become discouraged. We asked for a time slot on the next District Conference schedule, received the time and we were off and running, slowly at first but picking



Bradenton WMC, July 1987

up momentum as we go along. It's been exciting to see the ladies in the district respond to the projects presented and having missionary speakers that the Lord has provided. In the district our

meetings may not meet the standard some of us were accustomed to in the past, but we can adjust! We've been incorporating a special feature in our district meetings (a result of the president being involved with another Christian organization doing this). The women have enjoyed the few minutes it takes and it makes WMC interesting instead of boring.

Last fall, at our Saturday morning rally, the ladies at St. Petersburg provided a lovely brunch. We had a special feature demonstration of how to make a potpourri flower hanger. Our missionary speaker was Mrs. James Belton who was leaving for Germany the next day and our project offering was given to her. It was an exciting District WMC and was over by 12 noon.

At the spring District Conference WMC, we had a special feature of a "Spring Hat Parade," a sight to behold! Some comments were "if I'd known it was going to be this much fun, I would have decorated a hat too."

To those of you wishing you had a WMC or new life in your old one -- just be enthusiastic, ask the Lord to give you a great WMC, start with a few faithful women, forget the past and press forward.

Mount Climbing 1987-88 Giving

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\$8,000

Memory Passage --

Matthew 5:3-12

Potpourri Flower Hanger

You will need:

- 1 Flexi-hoop 4" (come in different sizes)
- 1 -- 18" length of gathered lace or eyelet
- 2 pieces (6" x 6") of lace
- ½ oz. potpourri
- Small silk flowers & ribbon (for flower arrangement)

Place 1 piece of lace on top of the inside ring of the Flexi-hoop. Fill the lace inside the ring with potpourri. Place the second piece of lace on top and fit the outside ring of the Flexi-hoop down over the lace and inside ring.

Cut off the excess lace around the back edge.

Place glue on back side of Flexi-hoop ring.

Starting at top center on under side of hoop, place gathered lace over glue around edge overlapping slightly at top.

Make small flower arrangement with flowers and ribbon.

Hang in bath, kitchen, nursery or where ever and enjoy.

Have fun making yours!

Betty

Growing in God's Garden

by Raeann Hart

How do you teach young people to want to learn about and cultivate the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? The Vacation Bible School at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church successfully accomplished this spiritual mission.

The Saturday preceding Vacation Bible School, a parade with a fire engine, decorated bicycles, pets, children and police car got attention. Youngsters and adults passed out literature throughout Winona Lake, Indiana inviting people to attend VBS. Those who followed the parade arrived at the church for VBS pre-registration.

Of course, the work had begun months before. In January, directors Becky Gehrke and Janice Workman established the theme, began contacting workers and Janice began writing the curriculum. Craft directors Jane Clemens and Rhonda Raber began selecting and preparing crafts that would emphasize each day's lesson. Joel Giles (now a pastor in Illinois) wrote the theme song, "Growing in God's Garden" and Becky's mother, Ruth Burns, created



A parade welcomed visitors.

crafts, bake cookies and donate items for the "store."

More than 300 children attended VBS and there were over 100 workers which made this a very organized and effective week of growth. Opening exercises were really exciting. The Indiana Prune, (a midwest version of the California Raisin) good-humoredly portrayed by Willa Henry, led the assembly time. One day she rode into the sanctuary on a scooter to the background synthesizer music of "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" with real prunes on her ears as earrings. Mrs. Henry kept the children's rapt attention and introduced the special guests: Pastor Charles Ashman, who performed a magic act, and missionary family Dave, Susie, Ryan, Julie and Emily Hobert.

The Hobert family helped the young people learn more about the mission field and taught them songs in French. Many of the students remembered to tell their parents "I love you" in French later in the day. The VBS offerings were used to purchase flannelgraph materials for the Hobert's ministry in France.

During assembly time the children heard the main Bible story and were entertained by a puppet team which presented songs which stressed the theme for the day.

After opening exercises, the children had activity time or snacks, worked on crafts or memory work or had a practical application lesson in their classrooms. All of the practical application stories were written or chosen for each age group by Janice



The Hobert Family, Missionaries to France

"fruit" costumes for the two directors to wear during VBS week. A meeting was held every month from January through June with all of the directors and superintendents. Members of the church and women who live in Grace Village helped prepare

Workman to underscore the day's Bible lesson.

Memory work had a strong significance during the week. A team of 18 worked with director Jody Hamman with an average of 14 workers every day. To keep a "fresh" atmosphere, Bible memorization was held outside on the lawn. Each age group had several different sections of verses that could be memorized. The child memorized all the verses in section one before he or she could go on to the next section. Ambitious youngsters who memorized all



Lessons encouraged growth.

four sections by Wednesday were given bonus verses. The teachers used different methods for encouraging memorization including chalkboards and verses written on cards or illustrated with pictures. At the end of the week the youngsters were able to go to the "store" for a shopping trip. Children who had memorized all of the verses in the first section were able to choose a gift from table one which was filled with candy. Each table had more valuable gifts than the one before and the children received a nice reward for their memory work. Some of the incentives were donated by members of the congregation and others were purchased. The children also learned to sing the fruits of the spirit verse (Gal. 5:22, 23) to the tune of "I Heard it Through the Grapevine"



Bible memorization had a high priority.



The Indiana Prune

(rewritten by Sue Michaels) which helped this important verse stick in their minds.

All of the crafts emphasized the lesson for the day. For example, on the first day, one class made decorated cloth bags. Each child colored a picture of his or her favorite fruits and the teacher helped them write their name in fabric paint on a cloth bag



Above all, God's love was shared.

with handles. That evening the teachers transferred each child's picture to his bag by ironing. If the craft itself did not emphasize the fruit of the spirit, working on it did. The older children tackled patience while they were learning to create crosses with match sticks! All of the crafts were unique and interesting.

Ten first time decisions for the Lord were made during the week.

A closing program was held on Friday evening to give parents a glimpse into the exciting activities of the week. Children and parents viewed a slide presentation showing highlights from the past week, were entertained by the puppets, and all were motivated to practice the fruits of the spirit. The 1988 Vacation Bible School in Winona Lake, Indiana certainly encouraged everyone to Grow in God's Garden. ■

Photographs by Cheryl Burtoft

On The Road To Europe

CE's Euro-Missions Institute has become a guidepost along the path of perspective missionaries to Europe.

Phil Steele believed God was leading him to be a missionary to England, but wanted a final affirmation. Patty Morris had been to France before as a CE TIME worker, but now had a hurdle of questions to cross before returning as a career missionary. Chris Nord believed God was calling him to missions and sought confirmation from others.

These current Grace Brethren missionaries joined 27 other mission-minded people at CE's first Euro-Missions Institute. It was the summer of 1982 and the primary goal for all the attenders was to determine if God was leading them to European missions. Of the 27 charter participants, seven would later return as Grace Brethren career missionaries.

During the past six years, 136 people have attended this four-week missions institute. Twenty-four have since returned as career missionaries or are appointees. Others are still praying about their futures. Many more have been led to stay in the states and be stronger church leaders at home.

In 1988, the names are Kip Cone,

Annette Miller, Dan and Kristen Rudat, Brian Weaver, and 18 other EMI participants. At some later date, the impact of EMI will be better evident in their lives.

An idea conceived by missionaries and sponsored by the national CE office, the Euro-Missions Institute offers participants a thorough investigation of Grace Brethren European missions. The first two weeks of the program is spent at the Château de St. Albain, France for intensive instruction in missions strategy. The remaining two weeks pairs participants with missionaries for a hands-on exposure to the mission field of their choice. At the conclusion of the four weeks, EMI attenders receive personal evaluations from missionaries and are counseled with goals to work on in preparation for future ministries.

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The European missions team sees EMI as an answer to their prayer for more workers in the harvest. "EMI is the best thing we've got going to help others see the needs of Europe," says one career missionary. Although it



Twenty-three people participated in CE's Euro-Missions Institute, held May 26-June 23, 1988.

breaks into their ministry activities for a full month—and then longer with preparation time—the European missionaries realize EMI is a needed experience to help people make good decisions about career missions.

Grace Brethren European Christians also look forward to EMI. They see these attenders as potential missionaries and anticipate the benefits of more workers committed to evangelizing Europe.

For the 23 people who participated in CE's 1988 EMI, the coming months and years will be given to prayer, evaluation, and growth. When the institute ended on June 23, their work had just begun. For many, these attenders returned home with goals for personal and spiritual growth, and a road map for how to return as career missionaries.

The next Euro-Missions Institute is scheduled for the summer of 1990.

News

SMM Video Now Available

A sixty-minute preview video is now available for SMM leaders. The video describes the curriculum and materials for 1988-89 and discusses the strategy of this girls' program. The video features Chery Otermat, Ellen Jones, Jean Snell, and Jackie Schram. Local church SMM leaders should contact their district coordinator to schedule the VHS video.

National CE Sunday

September 25, 1988, has been named "National CE Sunday" for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. The special Sunday is selected to promote the ministries of GBC Christian Education. A 10-minute slide-tape is available to churches along with free bulletin inserts. An information packet has been mailed to all Grace Brethren churches.

TIME Team To Mexico Experiences Miracle

For the eleven-member TIME team heading to Mexico, reaching the financial support levels to send the team was more than a small miracle. Just weeks prior to their departure on July 1, it was questionable whether the team would be able to leave for their ministry. Almost half of the team had financial shortages which jeopardized the ministry of the entire team.

Then . . . God intervened. Circumstances changed and the team was able to leave as planned.

Ministering from July 1-July 30, the team was involved in literature distribution, drama, puppets, athletics, music, sharing of testimonies, and children's and youth ministries. Led by Scott Miles, youth pastor at the Akron, OH, Fairlawn GBC, the team served with missionary Tom Sharp at the Mexico border and in Mexico City.

In addition to the missions experience, the team also learned to live by faith, trusting God for their financial needs.

You Said It...

Thank you for all you do. I'm praying that Brethren National Youth Conference will reach a lot of kids this summer. Because of the influence of past BNYC's and my local church, I will be serving in France this summer at the Chateau under the TIME program. Have a wonderful summer!

*Lisa Landis
Columbus, Ohio*

This will be the 12th National Youth Conference I have attended as a high school student, college student, and now as a staff member of the conference. It has played an important role in my commitment to Jesus Christ.

Conference has really changed since the first year I attended (1971) when maybe 400 people were in attendance and the cost was \$75. One thing has not changed though—the commitment of the conference to see lives of young people encouraged, motivated, and energized to give Jesus Christ first place in their lives. Without Brethren National Youth Conference, I very well might not be where I am today ... for it was there that I began to want to have an impact on young lives for Jesus Christ as I saw modeled by the adults who served on the BNYC staff.

*Dave Rank, youth pastor
Myerstown, Pennsylvania*

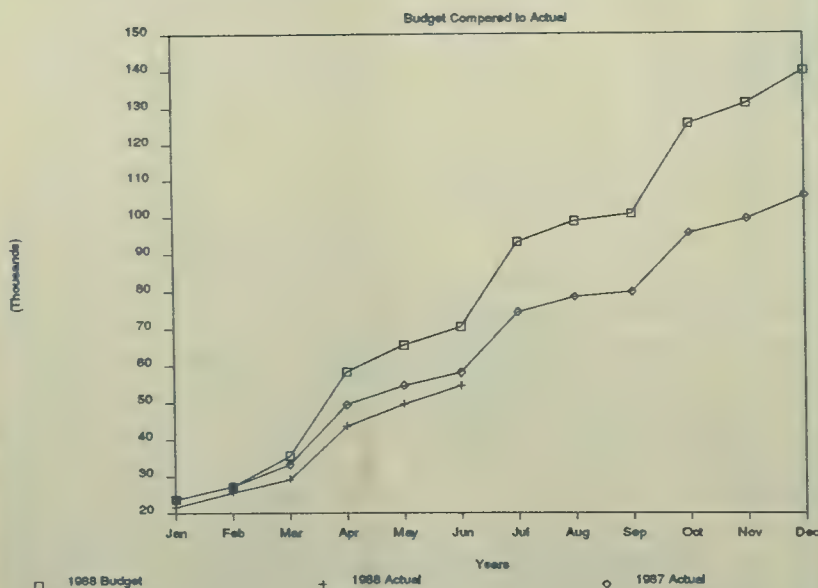
Thanks for all the good work you are doing! It is great to have such quality resources available to us.

*Bob Kulp
Everett, Pennsylvania*

Thank you so much for all your efforts to offer such a terrific conference for our young people. My husband and I really appreciate it!

*Mrs. David Gleason
Uniontown, Pennsylvania*

1988 National CE Offering Update



May and June offerings were 25% over a year ago! Yet, offerings for the first six months are 6% behind 1987 giving and \$16,000 short of the budget need. Consistent prayer is needed as we enter the final stretch of 1988 giving.

Ministry Tips

Helps for Nursery Attendants

Greet parents warmly . . . their child is their most valuable possession. They will feel more comfortable leaving their baby with someone who is friendly.

Use masking tape to mark all diapers (loose), bags, bottles, pacifiers, etc. that are not already labeled.

Keep diaper bags off floors: Babies may get into medicines, lotions, pins, etc.

Give babies proper support when picking them up and holding them, especially the head and back.

Do not raise babies over your head or "clown" with them in any rough manner, even though you may see their parents do this on other occasions.

Never allow a baby to cry excessively without contacting its parents. No parent should come to the nursery at the conclusion of a service and find their baby hot, sweaty, and exhausted from crying for a half-hour.



Self-Need Evangelism

Recently a church in Texas responded to the needs of public school teachers. Not too long ago the state required teachers to pass comprehensive tests for teaching. This

church—not a mega-church—invited an education professor from a Christian college to come for a Saturday prep-seminar for the upcoming test. Close to 300 teachers attended. The pastor introduced the speaker and at the close of the seminar shared his concerns for the community and the teachers. Following a brief Gospel explanation, 12 people accepted Christ. Does the strategy sound familiar? Dr. John Davis, president of Grace Schools, does it with fishermen. What are other community needs you could help meet or interests you could address?

Seven Application Questions for Devotions

1. Is there an example for me to follow?
2. Is there a sin for me to avoid?
3. Is there a command for me to obey?
4. Is there an unconditional promise for me to claim?
5. What does this particular passage teach me about God or about Jesus Christ?
6. Is there a difficulty for me to explore?
7. Is there something in this passage I should pray about today?

Spontaneous Teaching

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them [structured, planned teaching] diligently to your sons, and shall talk of them [spontaneous, life-related] when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." Here are some suggestions about possibilities for spontaneous teaching:

- When you pay your bills—talk about obligations to others and how the laborer is worthy of his hire.
- When you give offerings—explain the procedure and encourage kids to give their own offerings.

- Achievements of the children—certainly a time to give credit to God and to thank Him as well as to praise and encourage the child.
- When it's morning and no one wants to get up—talk about self-discipline (then get up!).
- Television—a great way to teach! When you watch something together, talk about what would have been different if this or that person had been a Christian. Of course, be careful what you watch—abstinence from certain programs is a great teaching method!



Downtown Rendezvous

Go to a motel overnight with your wife just for variety and fun. Leave the kids at home and treat her to a night on the town—downtown in *your* city.

Self-Less Esteem

1. When was the last time you thought about helping someone in need? Did you follow through with your good intentions?
2. Why not visit a shut-in this week or someone who is unable to be at church for some reason?
3. Encourage your pastor and ask him if there is somebody in the hospital or new folks you could visit.
4. Do you have a ministry to people? If not, why not get into one as soon as possible?



75 Years And Still Serving!



We've come a long way in 75 years! This SMM picture was taken in 1921 at national conference in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Perhaps you've seen the billboards this summer promoting a cigarette company's anniversary: "75 Years And Still Smokin'." During their 75 years, millions of dollars have been made at the expense of thousands of lives.

Also in 1913, an ordinary lady in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, began a small Bible study for girls. Though her picture will never be on a billboard, Mary Bauman's discipleship group grew into a national ministry which has had a great impact for Christ. Later named, "Serving My Master," this discipleship program has given thousands of girls a heart for God and taught them how to please Him. It also demonstrates the tremendous impact one life can make in ministry for the King.

A ministry of the national CE office, SMM offers churches a program

for discipling girls in grades 1-12. This year, SMM celebrates its 75th anniversary.

For girls in grades 1-6, SMM is structured for outreach. Fun games, interesting stories, and practical goals like, "Manners," "Helper," and "Friendship" make SMM attractive to even non-Christians. Many girls have accepted Christ through this ministry.

At the junior high and senior high levels, SMM is an intense discipleship group which moves girls toward spiritual maturity and leadership. The monthly programming includes: "Growth Groups," meetings where Bible study and accountability give direction for how girls are to live; "Spiritual Aerobics," a time to work on personal goals and stretch through ministry; and "Girls Only!," creative outreach events built around topics of special interest to girls.

As would be expected, many changes and improvements have taken place in SMM during its 75 years. But its passion for missions and heart for serving Christ have never been altered.

SMM Master Plan

*What we would like to see in the life of an 18-year-old woman who has been through SMM ... **

Spiritual Growth

- ☐ Consistent walk with God
- ☐ Faithful witness
- ☐ Biblical convictions
- ☐ Vital prayer life
- ☐ Faithfully exercises spiritual gifts
- ☐ Practices personal worship
- ☐ Studies the Bible for herself
- ☐ Committed to a local church

Character Growth

- ☐ Has an accountability relationship
- ☐ Teachable spirit
- ☐ Unselfish spirit
- ☐ Submissive attitude
- ☐ Understands temple upkeep
- ☐ Able to keep her home as a godly testimony
- ☐ Maintains purity of life
- ☐ Relates to non-believers

Doctrinal Training

- ☐ Believes the Bible to be infallible
- ☐ Understands Brethren beliefs and can communicate them to others
- ☐ Knows key passages for decision making

Missions

- ☐ Has a heart for missions
- ☐ Is a faithful prayer partner
- ☐ Love for the lost

*(*This is a summary list.)*

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Celebrating 50 Years!

The Brethren National Youth Conference Began at Bethany Camp, Winona Lake, IN in 1938

Beginning in the early 1900's, The Brethren Church met each summer in Winona Lake, Indiana for its National Conference. In 1937, Leo Polman, Pastor of the church in Ft. Wayne, IN and father of three: Elaine, Gerald and Joyce, noticed the young people just walking around Winona during the conference. There were bowling alleys and the young people could enjoy Winona Lake, but they did not have enough to do to fill their days.

Mr. Polman was not the sort of person to let an opportunity for the Lord pass him by, so by 1938, he located Bethany Camp, borrowed \$200.00 from his wife's "furniture money" and paid for one week's rental of the camp during conference week. Mrs. Polman asked him who would be attending this camp and he replied, "Two for sure -- Gerald and Elaine." They planned for 35 campers that first year and were overwhelmed with 108. Mrs. Brenneman (Pastor Polman's daughter, Elaine) remembers her father scurrying around to get extra food to feed the hungry travelers. Mr. Polman believed, "If your food is good, the kids will come back again." He asked "Mom" Morgan, who was a cook at Wheaton College, to stay at Bethany Camp for the week to cook. In later years Polman would get a farmer to raise a cow to provide the meat for the campers.

As it turned out, Elaine never really did get to attend Bethany Camp as a true camper, though she did work very hard at the Camp for many years. She was the last one to turn out the lights and help lock up. "My job was to help my daddy make our program, to help it dovetail with the conference," Mrs. Brenneman recalls. "We were encouraged to go to the business sessions and the Moderator's address. We had swimming and boating in the afternoon and attended vesper services." In the morning, SMM (Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, now known as Serving My Master) held programs for the young ladies and meetings were held for the boys. There were Bible studies and missionary speakers and song fests. Meal time was known as "mail time" with singing and fun at the tables -- and of course, plenty of good food. Every year the campers got to tour the home of Ma Sunday, wife of Billy Sunday.

Evenings were especially enjoyable. Mrs. Brenneman reminisces, "Every evening after conference sessions we held a Fun Night and Friday night was always Stunt Night." Fagot service held around Victory Circle was the most meaningful evening. "You would be thrilled to see what the Lord has done and the decisions that were made for the Lord at Bethany Camp. Many of our present missionaries

Bethany Lodge had bunk beds at the corners on each floor for campers.





Photo taken the first year of Bethany Camp, 1938.

dedicated or rededicated their lives to the Lord at our Fagot services. We took little sticks of wood (called fagots) and after a short message, campers came up and threw a fagot into the fire and gave a short testimony."

After services, everybody met at the Cracker Box. The Cracker Box was a cabin that was screened in and Charles Ashman and Elaine and Gerald worked there. Everyone would get a sloppy joe and a horseneck or black cow. (I was informed that a "horseneck" is ice cream with soda and a "black cow" is ice cream with root beer -- now known as "root beer float"). Strong bonds of Christian friendship were formed during the week at Bethany Camp and more than a few campers met their future spouses during that eventful week.

One of the more interesting camps was highlighted by the strange disappearance of the Polman's car. Leo and Leila looked for their car everywhere. They finally realized that someone had painted, "Write Your Congressman. Stop Corruption" on the side of their car and it hadn't even moved at all.

"Because of the camp, Mother and Dad became Mom and Pop to many young people," Mrs. Brenneman recalls. "The Lord really blessed my folks with a special ministry and I am proud to have parents like that. We had a special closeness." One of the Polmans' greatest joys was to meet someone during their travels who would say, "It was at Bethany Camp that I surrendered my life to the Lord for service or for rededication of life."

Bethany Camp was the beginning. The dedication and rededication of young people to the Lord for His service continues.

In 50 years the Brethren National Youth Conference has grown from 108 in attendance to over 1,600 each year. The goal is still the same: to help young people grow spiritually.



Leo Polman and Leila Polman standing with the Sunday in center.

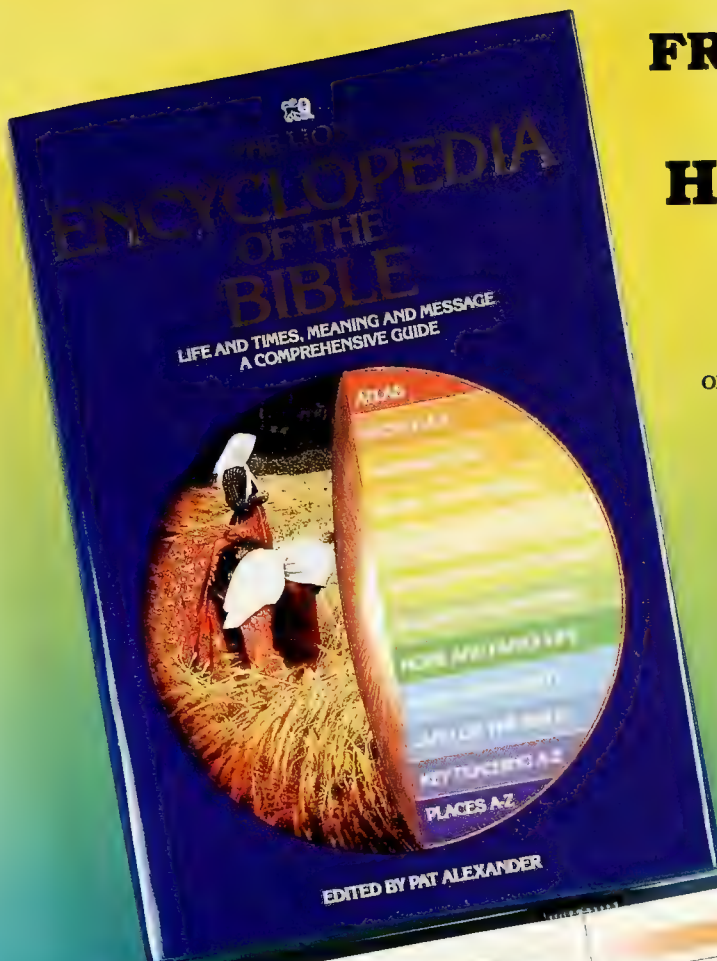
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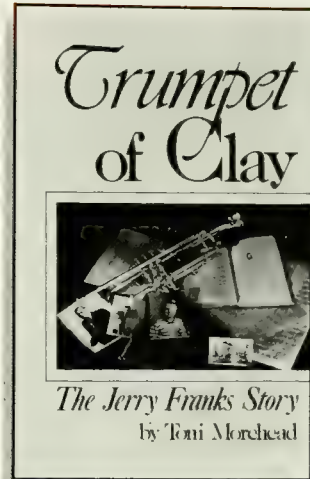
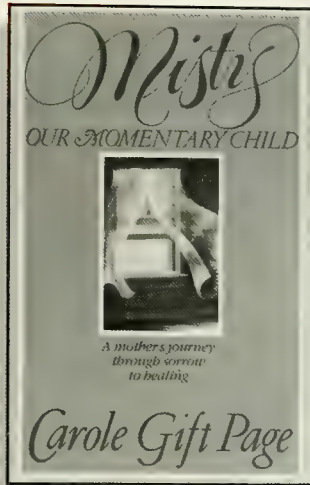
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One Church in Six Locations

Uniting in Love to Grow

by Pastor Jeff Thornley
Waldorf, Maryland

Twenty-six years ago a small group of people under the leadership of James G. Dixon began the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. **Their immediate goals were to pray, worship, witness, organize and become a congregation glorifying God.** Their next goals were to purchase property, erect a church building and start a Christian School. Their long range goal was to establish several churches around the Washington beltway. The fulfillment of these goals have come about through interesting and not always traditional means.

"We believe that every Christian is a minister for the Lord Jesus Christ."

The dedicated Charter Members were determined to build a church to the honor and glory of God and drew up a unique Constitution wherein the pastor was commissioned as spiritual and administrative leader of the congregation. James Dixon, as Senior Pastor, has faithfully led spiritually with insightful, expository preaching and teaching, whereby the flock is motivated out of a spirit of love for the Lord, not guilt and fear. He has led administratively in a positive and orderly manner, *"being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"*, (Eph. 4:3). One outstanding characteristic of Pastor Dixon's preaching and life example is the emphasis on 'cognitive love'. The results are seen in a loving congregation where energies are spent trying to meet growth problems rather than being divisive.

In addition to his full-time pastorate, James Dixon taught 14 years at Washington Bible College and 8 years at Capital Seminary. He was also a member of the Grace College and Seminary Board for 17 years and a member of the National Board of Christian Education for 30. In 1987 he was chosen as 'Pastor of the Year'. He and his wife Dorothy have six grown children, who are all serving the Lord, and twenty-one grandchildren.

Dorothy Dixon has always made time to teach adult Bible classes, child evangelism classes, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. In 1965 she started a Christian school that has developed into

the Grace Brethren Christian Schools which now minister to over 800 students on 4 campuses. The state-accredited school includes grades K-12 and the Day Care is the largest in the state of Maryland. She has served as Director of GBCS since its inception, but at all times has placed a top priority on being a helpmeet to her husband.

The church moved into its first building in 1965 and since that time has averaged a building program every two to three years. Today the church owns 70 acres of land and has seven Sunday morning worship services. This has been made possible through the decision in 1979 to not build a larger sanctuary, but rather to surround the Washington Beltway with branch churches under the philosophy of "one church in multiple locations".

Four churches have been planted in eight years. These churches are pastored by associate GBC pastors who also assist whenever possible in inter-church ministries. Presently, the GBC of Greater Washington is one church in 6 locations pursuing a philosophy of uniting in love to grow.

The 1,260 active members are only the "tip of the iceberg." Washingtonians are constantly on the move and the church has ministered to thousands who are assigned to the area for a few years and then transferred or retire to another location. Over 170 of the church family have gone into full time Christian service.

Three fourths of the associate pastors at GBC of Greater Washington were members of the church before joining the Pastoral Staff. Dean Walter, former head chemist of the Naval Research Lab and Pastor Emeritus of the Vicksburg GBC, preaches and teaches at the church. He also teaches chemistry and physics at GBCS. Ron Satta is responsible for pastoral ministries and Rob Mayes works with the Youth Ministries at Temple Hills. Joel Proctor is Comptroller and assists Pastor Dixon administratively. Jeff Thornley pastors the first branch church in Waldorf, Maryland and serves as Pastoral Administrative assistant to Pastor Dixon. Ralph Cook is minister of music and youth at the Waldorf church. Bob Wagner pastors the church in Calvert County, Maryland which has just occupied their first phase building. "R" Greene pastors the branch in Frederick, Maryland where they have recently begun services in their

first phase building. The Alexandria Grace Brethren Church requested to be accepted as an official "branch" church in 1986. Larry Gegner now pastors this church in Alexandria, Virginia. James Schaefer came on staff in 1986 to assist in planting a new work in the Lake Ridge, Virginia area.

Over 170 members of the church family have gone into full time Christian service.

In September 1987, the church celebrated its 25th Anniversary year with joy and gratitude as well as eager anticipation for the future. New challenges were left in everyone's thinking. Can one congregation in six locations continue to grow and extend its borders? Will succeeding branch pastors and branch churches, in turn, plant new churches through love and sacrifices? Will the next senior pastor continue this vision of the church? Will the church continue to minister with God's kind of love and unselfishly reach out to others because it really cares? Pastor Dixon's prayer is that God might continue to strengthen the people with renewed vigor to "keep on keeping on" -- loving, learning and living for His honor and glory.



Pastor James and Dorothy Dixon

Church Planting Philosophy of Greater Washington

Ten years ago G.B.C. was at an important crossroad in our church growth. Recognizing that many of our people were moving 'out of P.G. County' and that we already were 'over-built' in our present location, we scrapped plans to build a large, new sanctuary and launched a church-planting ministry. These churches would be extensions of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington -- full members of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington Church Family with the option of separating later if they chose to do so.

The philosophy of 'One Church in Several Locations' was developed and we now have 'One Church in Six Locations: Temple Hills, Waldorf, Calvert, Frederick, Alexandria and Lake Ridge. These churches are all pastored by associate GBC pastors who also assist wherein possible in inter-church ministries. Pastor Dixon is the Senior Pastor and coordinates the ministries with church activities and continuing outreach ministries of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington.

This philosophy of Church Growth and Church Planting enables our new branches to start with a home Bible study; move into a nearby school for Sunday school; purchase land; initiate a building program; secure financing and become healthy congregations in a relatively short time.

Most of our church construction is financed through the sale of bonds in all our churches and underwritten by all our Church family. Thus, even our savings are 'working for the Lord.'

This Church Planting philosophy has developed out of our central mandate from Christ -- to love one another as He has loved us. We encourage our people to become part of a 'new church' ministry. We 'unite in love' to grow, rather than 'dividing to multiply.'

God has richly blessed this missionary spirit of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. Our people truly invest their lives as well as their finances reaching out to new areas in our 'Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria' as well as 'the uttermost part of the world.'

During these same years, our Grace Brethren Christian Schools have continued to grow. Begun in 1965 under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Dixon, the school enjoyed a maximum enrollment. New buildings were added and two public schools have been purchased to accommodate the increasing space demands of our growing schools. In 1985 a pre-school was started in a home and is growing with the church. Our four branches have become potential school campuses as the need arises.

One Church in Six Locations



TEMPLE HILLS CHURCH
Senior Pastor: James Dixon



WALDORF BRANCH CHURCH
Associate Pastor: Jeff Thornley



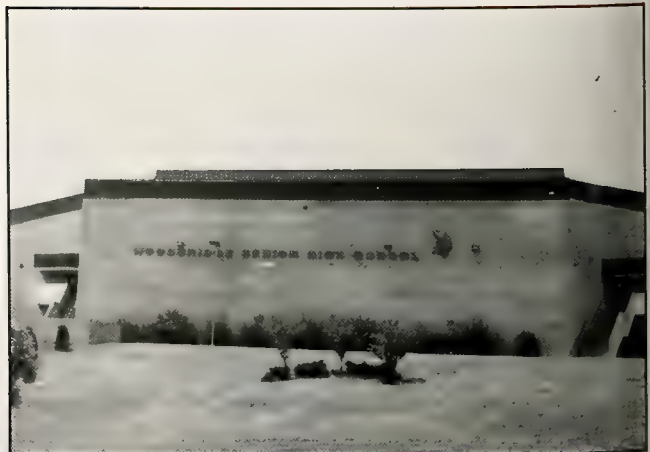
CALVERT BRANCH CHURCH
Associate Pastor: Robert Wagner



ALEXANDRIA BRANCH CHURCH
Associate Pastor: Larry Gegner



FREDERICK BRANCH CHURCH
Associate Pastor: R. Greene



LAKE RIDGE BRANCH CHURCH
Associate Pastor: James Schaefer

One School in Four Locations

The Grace Brethren Christian School now ministers to 800 students at four campuses. It has shown phenomenal growth since its beginning as a Christian Day Care Facility twenty-three years ago and now consists of three interwoven programs: day care; elementary, junior and senior high schools; and summer camp.

In 1965, Dorothy Dixon, wife of Pastor Dixon was preparing her oldest children for college. She was praying that the Lord would enable her to do something so she could assist them financially, but she really didn't know what the Lord had planned for her to do. Dorothy recalls, "One of the ladies in our church had a day care center in her home. She came to my husband and said, 'This really ought to be in the church where these children can get some Christian training.' So the church council asked me to develop a program. I told them, 'I can't do that. I'm too busy. My youngest is in the third grade.' Then they asked again. After I prayed about it, I realized that this is what the Lord had prepared me to do."

"I think it's better for children to be at home with their mothers," says this mother of six, "But today this is not always possible. My feeling is that a Christian day care center can become the closest to becoming another home."

Mrs. Dixon set up a morning program, a type of preschool, to supplement the day care services her friend offered at the church. "I read everything I could get my hands on," she remembers.

The work mushroomed. In 1966 kindergarten classes started with a total enrollment of 34. In 1969 accreditation was obtained from the Maryland State Board of Education, grades 1 and 2 were added and the enrollment was 146. The following year grades 3 and 4 were added and the enrollment was at 200.

Grade 6 was added in 1972, with grades 7 and 8 the following year requiring four modular classrooms to be erected. By 1974 it was necessary to rent space from Bethany Lutheran as the enrollment was at 338. Grade 9 was added in 1975 followed by a gym, library and 3 more classrooms in 1979. In 1981, Temple Hills School was purchased and renovated, grade 10 was added and enrollment stood at 533 with 60 staff members. Two years later, there were 100 staff members as grades 11 and 12 were added. The Surrattsville Campus was purchased in 1984 and enrollment was 683. The twentieth anniversary of the school was celebrated in 1985 and the enrollment had increased to 758. The Waldorf Christian School was started in 1986 with over 30 enrolled in preschool and kindergarten.

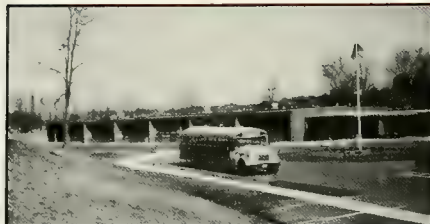
Incredibly, the school and day care center had always been self-supporting, but the church has helped to purchase the new facility.

When the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington was organized in 1962, one goal was to begin a Christian School. The Christian School in four locations is an outreach of the church's mission to reach people for Christ and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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"There was nothing else to do but join my heart with His."

As this issue of the Herald goes to press, Joe and Melinda Consentino and their two children are preparing to move from Winona Lake, Indiana to the Cleveland, Ohio area where they will begin a church planting work under the auspices of Grace Brethren Home Missions. It's a move that wasn't always in their plans . . .

Until three years ago, Joe Consentino was a Certified Public Accountant earning a decent living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Nice home. Comfortable income. Some investments. Secure, long-term profession. He and his wife, Melinda, lived near their families and close friends.

And Joe was absolutely miserable.

It wasn't the job, really. From the first day in college, he had wanted to be an accountant. After graduation, he worked as a CPA for seven years. He was good at it.

The decision did not come without some struggles.

But Joe couldn't get his mind off his home Bible study and other church activities. He thought of it riding the bus on his way to work. He thought of it during lunch hour. He became preoccupied with it while he was conducting audits and doing tax returns. At the same time, he was becoming more unhappy and less interested in accounting.

Joe had a gift for teaching. He loved helping others to see the truth and application of God's Word. He was good at that, too. More than anything, he wanted to do it full-time.

So Joe quit his job. He, his wife Melinda, and their son Daniel moved to Winona Lake in June 1985, where Joe entered Grace Seminary that fall. (They now have a second child, Marianne.)

The decision did not come without some struggle.

"I recognized my own inadequacies, and I knew what some of the challenges were going to be. I asked myself if I would be up to those challenges," he remembers. "I also struggled with uncertainty about providing for Melinda and Daniel. That was probably natural since I was leaving a secure, long-term situation. Finally, it meant leaving our families and many close friends.

"But then we began to think of these things in terms of how important they were on a scale of 1 to 100. All those things were a 1. Responding to God's call was a 100. There was nothing else to do but join my heart with His."

Another struggle was choosing the right seminary.

"We first heard about Grace through John MacArthur's ministry. He made a statement that only three or four seminaries, in his opinion, were producing pastors who were able to expositoryly preach God's Word. That's what I wanted to learn. So we wrote and got the names of those schools. Grace is one of the names we received from him.

"I sent for catalogs from several schools, and I couldn't put the Grace catalog down. I liked the curriculum. It was set up well, with some flexibility for a guy like me who had had no Greek. Everything pointed toward a philosophy of ministry that was biblical and an orientation to be able to communicate God's Word. I was impressed with the school's purpose and goals."

Grace was just what Joe was looking for, Melinda says. "He really loves the Word. Before we came to seminary, he would study every evening, while I studied for my college classes. It was on his mind all the time. He often talked about loving the Bible."

and loving his ministry with people. He liked to preach at church, and he had a great desire to know more."

It was a big decision. A "leap of faith," according to Melinda. Financially, it has been a struggle at times, but God answered their prayers for the needed funds. "The experience will make both of us better ministers to others, because we have experienced ourselves how God supplies the needs of His people," she explains. Through a part-time accounting job, tuition discount because of a high grade point average, and the unolicited gifts of close friends, all their financial needs have been met.

Completing his M.Div. degree this summer, Joe is headed for some Missions church planting work. He sees far beyond establishing the new Grace brethren congregation in the greater Cleveland area, however. "I am convicted about the need to develop leadership among lay people. One of my dreams is to see people who have been saved at the local church grow and become leaders and then go on to full-time Christian service. That would be very exciting, very fulfilling for me as a pastor."

As the new church grows, Joe wants to set the example for the people to follow. Christians

could see positive characteristics to emulate in their leaders, he believes. And that's something he himself has been seeing at Grace.

"Before I came here, I decided that I wanted to learn not only by what the pros said, but also by how they acted. What I have tried to do is pick out a characteristic or two from every professor that in my mind is worth copying, and then copy it. Every one of them has exhibited significant strengths.

"Dr. Davis, for example, is a man of vision. He can see over the obstacles to the goal and then plan the way to get there. It stands out in him.

"Dr. Fowler also comes to mind. He has the unique ability to make you feel significant, even if you are one of 30 people in a Hebrew class. You feel loved and important. That's a great lesson.

"Dr. Clutter has the ability to take two sides of an issue and clearly analyze them. He's also a very



Marianne, Melinda, Joe and Daniel Consentino

good listener. Those are both qualities I am trying to copy in my own life.

"Dr. Meadors had made an impact on me simply through his diligence and hard work. I really appreciate that in him.

"Dr. Kent and Dr. Whitcomb are very faithful and have shown me the ability to use humor at very key times to make important points. This is one thing that makes them very good communicators. I try to emulate that.

"And Dave Plaster's enthusiasm is contagious. He walks into a classroom and all of the sudden you have a very lively, enthusiastic group of students.

"I anticipated being able to get a theological education here and to learn the tools I needed to communicate the Word. But I also found a great emphasis on building character in students' lives. That comes mostly through the pros, who have probably influenced my life mostly by just who they are." ■



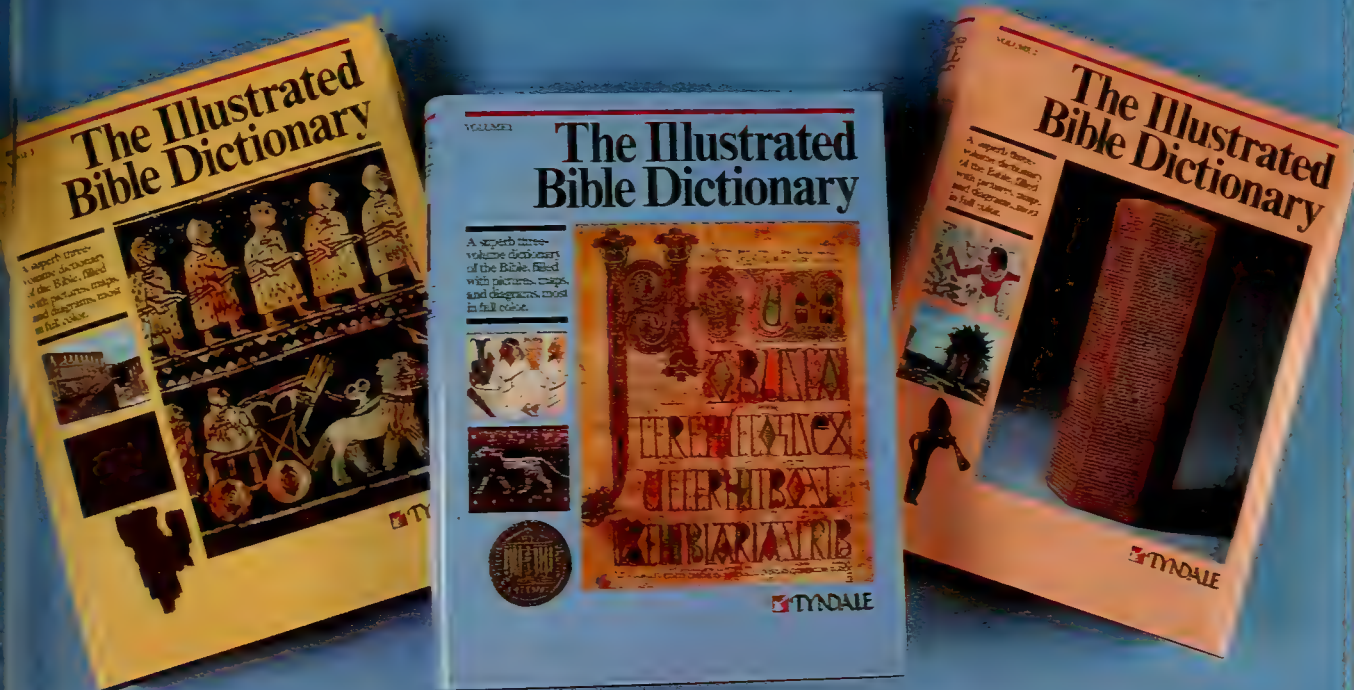
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News Update

Gary Crandall has assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Findlay, OH. The church has made some major improvements with new sidewalks, a ramp for handicapped folks, all new carpet, air conditioning in the church office, three new Sunday school classes have been started and the youth department enlarged. Also, the front sign has had flowers and large planters placed by them with new shrubbery and stone across the front of the church building giving it a totally renewed look.

Pastor Clarence Lackey of Portis, KS, has completed his ministry there and will be retiring in Hays, KS. He has served in the pastorate at Portis for about 15 years. A special service of recognition for the Lackeys was held on July 3.

Pastor John Snow will assume the responsibilities of pastoral care at Portis, KS, on August 14. The Snows had been serving in Irasburg, VT.

The Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, PA, celebrated their **Fourth Annual National Police Sunday** May 15. At this service eight County Police Departments, the Lancaster City Police, and the State Police participated. A large

tent was erected on the lawn for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Last year, a state flag was presented to the church. The policemen who have been killed in the line of duty have also been honored in a memorial service. Two policemen have accepted Christ as a direct result of these services and two families have become part of our church. **Vernon Harris**, pastor.

Loren Felabom has joined the staff at Bethel Brethren Church in Berne, IN, as associate pastor. He is from Aurora, IL. **Larry Edwards**, pastor.

The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights, OH, has changed the name of the church to **Grace Community Church of Huber Heights**, and also "reaffirmed their affiliation with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and its agencies."

The Northwest District Trustees hosted an "Appreciation Day" on May 28 at the **Clear Lake Grace Brethren Camp** (WA) for retiring Camp Caretakers **Harold and Evelyn Snively**. Also honored were **Bill and Bev Hubbard**, Alaskan builders, who gave two months of volunteer work in construction on the camp's two-level Lodge Building.

Both the Snivelys and the Hubbards were commended for work well-done and were given gifts as tokens of the District's appreciation for their ministry at Clear Lake.

Ray and Tami Taylor from Harrah, WA, have assumed the caretaker's ministry.

Garth Lindelef has resigned as pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church in Long Beach, CA. His future plans are uncertain.

Steve Edmunds, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL, was ordained to the Christian ministry. Pastor **Jim Custer** brought the ordination message.

Edward DeJongh, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Findlay, OH, has resigned.

Scott Massey is a newly licensed minister and is serving in the Grace Brethren Church at Longview, TX.

Glenn Byers has been called to serve for another year as pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Sidney, IN.

The Virginia District Examining Board has approved **Mike Johnson** and **George Traub** for ordination.

James Taylor, from the Valley Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, MD, has been called as pastor at Lakeland, FL. **Bill Smith** has been serving there as interim pastor.

At the Southern California/Arizona District Conference the newly merged **Grace Church of Los Alamitos** (formerly Grace Fellowship Church of North Long Beach and the Grace Community Church of Los Alamitos) was accepted into the membership.

Benjamin Collins and **Dan Viveros** recently graduated from Chaplain's School in New Jersey. Ben has been appointed to a post in Georgia; while Dan is waiting an appointment.

Pastor **Don Shoemaker**, pastor of the **Grace Brethren Church of Seal Beach, CA**, is looking for a full-time youth pastor who also has some interests in adult education. Anyone interested in this position should call Don at 213/596-1605.

The Cross Lanes Grace Brethren Church in the west suburbs of Charleston, WV, is the newest Home Mission point. It was recently adopted by the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council board of directors for financial support. Also participating in the new project is the Allegheny District Mission Board. **Pastor Emory (Zeke) Young** and his wife, **Marsha**, have returned to their hometown to begin the new church. He is a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and previously pastored the Grace Brethren Church at Lima, OH.

Gary Taylor is the new pastor of the Southview GBC in Ashland, OH. He began his ministry on July 1. **Randy Haulk** is the associate pastor.

MARRIAGES

CALHOUN: Angie Hedrick and Craig Calhoun, June 4, 1988. The vows were taken at the Community Grace Brethren Church, Everett, PA, by Pastor Timothy Boal and Pastor Emeritus Homer Lingenfelter.

DAVIDSON: Melissa Parr and Mark Davidson, April 16, 1988, at the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, IN. Larry Edwards, pastor.

DOWNS: Ruth Wedertz and Larry Downs, June 19, 1988, at the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Stephan Edmonds, pastor.

KANTENWEIN: Carol Firebaugh and Scott Kantenwein, June 11, 1988, at the Wooster Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, OH. Pastor Bob Fetterhoff and Pastor Lee Kantenwein officiating.

DEATHS

BENTZ, FRED. 80, May 15, 1988. He was a member of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA, and had received the first "Senior Medal of Ministry," as printed in the August 1978 Herald. He received this recognition for his devoted, lengthy, and continuing service to Christ, his church, and others. Don Rough, pastor.

MILLER, ANNA RAE. June 3, 1988. First Grace Brethren Church, Grafton, WV. Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Paul Mohler and Joe Nass.

ROONEY, TRAVIS. 70, June 8, 1988. He was a longtime member of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, IN. Glenn Byers, pastor.

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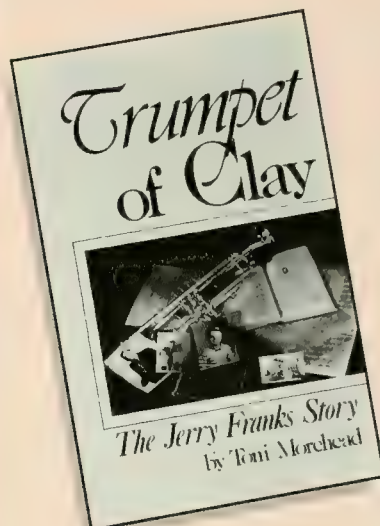
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An Update on Membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

On August 3rd, at national conference in Palm Desert, CA, statistician Sherwood Durkee reported a total membership of 40,624 in the FGBC. A loss of 574 members was recorded in the calendar year of 1987. The peak year of membership in the FGBC was 1983, when a high of 43,491 was reached.



The Jerry Franks Story

Trumpet of Clay is the inspirational story of Jerry Franks, formerly with Grace College, a gifted musician who became blind overnight. Author Toni Morehead shares the struggles that Jerry Franks has faced in daily life.

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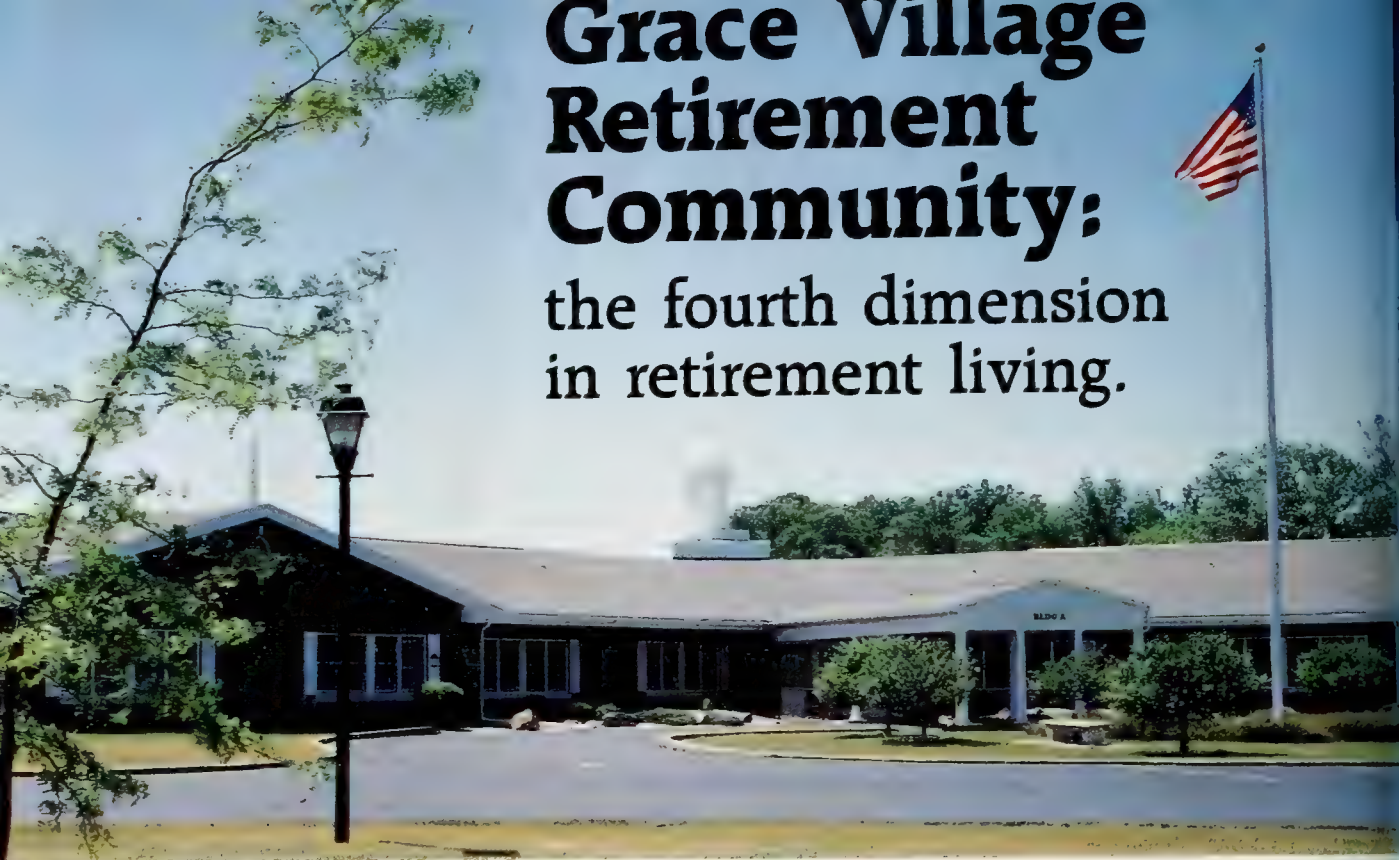
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The First Fifty Years

by Charles W. Turner

This year, 1988, we have been proudly displaying the words "Volume 50" on the front cover of the *Herald* magazine. In this issue we want to look back over the past fifty years and share with you some of our progress.

Our early leaders shaped the direction of the *Herald* with their theology and outlook on ministry. We got our start in the World War II period, so we elected to feature some of the articles of those early days. We have articles by Dr. Alva J. McClain, Dr. Herman Hoyt, Dr. L.S. Bauman and Dr. R. Paul Miller. Take a walk down memory lane and while reading the articles place them within the context of their time in history. The date each article first appeared is listed with the article. I think you will find them very interesting.

In this issue, you will find one of the first editorials in which the principles of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* were directed. Dr. Alva J. McClain, a leader of the Grace Movement, set for us a direction that was to be followed. We like to think many years later these truths still remain intact and our purpose unchanged.

You will also find the story from the forties and World War II. The sinking of the *Zam Zam* will bring back a flood of memories to the more "mature". I must admit it was exciting to me as a "much younger" person.

How did Louis Bauman view the events of the forties in the

light of Bible Prophecy? You will find an article on page 20 that was written in the context of that time.

Dr. R. Paul Miller was an early leader in evangelism and he wrote about the need for revival in 1944. Check it out on page 6. This editorial reads like it could have been written today.

We like to think many years later these truths still remain intact and our purpose unchanged.

Dr. Herman Hoyt wrote an editorial in 1944 setting forth the problems of the day as he saw them. You will have to agree that forty years later the problems are still the same.

We have changed formats and we have changed editors. On page 16 you will meet the editor again -- the men who have had the role of leadership setting forth the printed word in the Brethren Church.

We have done a little growing through the years as illustrated by the chart on page 13. This page will give you a visual of the growth of the last 50 years and progress in distribution.

The highlights in the life of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* are outlined through the years which you will find on page 14.

Look at page 25 and make a decision. If you are not a member of the Corporation -- think about joining us.

Come join us in this special issue of the *Herald* as we look back at our early days. ■



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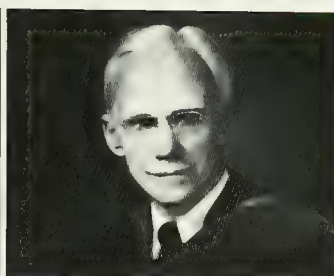
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The Living Word

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

by Fanny J. Crosby

Tell me the story of Jesus,
 Write on my heart every word;
 Tell me the story most precious,
 Sweetest that ever was heard.
 Tell how the angels, in chorus,
 Sang as they welcomed His birth,
 "Glory to God in the highest!
 Peace and good tidings to earth."
 Fasting alone in the desert,
 Tell of the days that are past,
 How in His life He was tempted,
 Yet was triumphant at last.
 Tell of the years of His labor,
 Tell of the sorrow He bore,
 He was despised and afflicted,
 Homeless, rejected and poor.
 Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
 Writhing in anguish and pain;
 Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
 Tell how He liveth again.
 Love in that story so tender,
 Clearer than ever I see:
 Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
 Love paid the ransom for me.
 Tell me the story of Jesus,
 Write on my heart every word;
 Tell me the story most precious,
 Sweetest that ever was heard.

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All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16, 17

Living and Active

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

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The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -- children not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-15

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise your name for giving us your living word. A word we can hide in our hearts and share with others. Lord, we thank you for the many opportunities we have for learning, studying and digesting your word through the Bible and through the uplifting Christian publications that you have graciously made available to us.

Lord, we ask that you continue to uphold and protect your word. Let your living word flow through us to others, for who shall hear if we do not tell them? Keep your word strong and true, living and active, sharper than a double-edged sword. Let your word cut through our hypocrisy, slice away the hardened, protective shells that keep us from living transparent Christian lives.

Please forgive us when we fall short and let us look to your word for the guidance we need. Let us say with King David, "I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Thank you for letting your Word become flesh and make His dwelling among us. Thank you for Christ's perfect life, His perfect example to us and His perfect words spoken to encourage and uplift us. We praise you for His sacrificial death for our sins.

America Needs A Revival Today

Reprinted from the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, February 2, 1946

by Dr. R. Paul Miller

1891-1964

I have never been so impressed before with the utter darkness in which the most well-informed people of America are moving. In these 30 years of ministry in evangelism all over the land I have never observed such hopelessness in the human heart. The pitiable helplessness of the human spirit before the powers that are coming upon the earth is enough to give power and drive to every preacher who knows the truth. What a time to know the gospel and to preach it! What a thrill to have an answer to this world muddle!

After speaking to a Rotary Club of businessmen in Kentucky recently, the prosecuting attorney and several other members of the organization came up with questions and comments that would amaze a Bible-taught Christian. These men are feeling the desperate situation that now confronts humanity. They are thinking of this world condition, not as a thing in Europe and Asia, as Americans have traditionally done, but as a wolf outside their own back door, threatening their own children. Their one inquiry was, "What can possibly overcome the tragedy that is certainly overtaking all mankind?" They realize at last that they are helpless. Everything that the human capacity can invent has been tried and has failed. They are ready to confess it. This, to me, seems to be the most hopeful sign of bringing any help to the soul.

The greatest fear was regarding communism. Certainly, communism is the greatest outward menace to the world today. It is not a Russian idea, confined to Russia. It is a crusading philosophy set afire by an emotional passion keyed to world control. It is well intrenched in America. The recent report of our congressional committee investigating un-American movements reveals that Communism is spreading like a plague in our army, navy, and also in the great labor organizations.

Communism has no virtue whatever. Honesty, morality, and responsibility are only observed when dictated by expediency. These things do not exist in its own philosophy. This is not surprising. It is the natural outcome that follows in any nation that has repudiated the Word of God and burned the Bibles. There is no other source of standards for human conduct as to the right or wrong of anything outside of the Bible. Once that is set aside, the human spirit is morally adrift.

Communism is wholly materialistic. In its eyes man is but an animal. The present body, the

present life, the present experience are all. When that is over there is nothing more. The human spirit is simply obliterated by death. There is no spiritual life or nature. The law of the jungle rules. Get it now or never.

Communism mingles all races on an equal basis. This is revealed clearly in its working in the attitude of the wife of our former President. Inter-marriage, and intersocial mingling are utterly destructive, and flatly contrary to the Word of God. God separated the various races that He made, and set the bounds of their habitation, as Acts 17 clearly reveals in Paul's matchless word. Communism is a Satanic effort to undo all this. Confusion and human tragedy only can result. God planned for all men to be evangelized, but He did not plan for them all to live in one society.

Communism is a deadly enemy of Christianity. It accepts Marx' conviction that religion is the "opiate of the intellect." This is as false as can be. The opposite is true. Wherever the gospel has gone it has set men free, provided freedom of speech and assembly and absolute liberty of the press. It has secured for all men religious freedom, and free enterprise for the individual according to his ability and ambition. All of these things are denied mankind under the social state. So, instead of Christianity being the "opiate of the intellect," it is communism, the social state, that crushes the human spirit.

The destruction of churches, the killing of millions of Christians, the burning of Bibles, and the present closed doors to the Bible, are true evidences of its nature. All talk of Russian religious freedom and of communism's change of heart is utterly false. It may change its tactics but never its deadly character.

As one man said, "It can't happen here," another replied, "It is here," Communism does not depend upon a majority of the voters to take over. Twelve thousand Bolsheviks put it over completely on 173 million Russians in a few days. All it needs is plenty of propaganda that tears down America,



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offers millions of people the fantasy of a millennium of little work, plenty of money, lots of fun, no moral restriction, and millions in America would cry for it! This has already become well advanced.

America is also facing her greatest moral and spiritual crisis. According to the recent report of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, crime among American youth 13-18 years old has increased 200 percent in the last five years. Immorality among boys and girls has swept over the land like a plague. Twenty-six million American youth have absolutely no religious training whatever. This group is a fertile field for communistic and all other devilish doctrines. Only 7 million out of 135 million Americans actively support the churches, while 90 million get their morals at the movie every week. Eighty-five percent of Sunday School youth leave the church before 15 years of age, never to return. Fifty-five thousand abandoned church buildings stand as mute evidence of spiritual declension. Countless thousands of church members have simply lost their interest entirely, and go no more. Family altars and prayer meetings have largely disappeared from the scene. Americans' pocketbooks are filled with money, their hearts are full of sin, and their souls are far from God. The greatest orgy of drunkenness, gambling, and immorality in the nation's history is now in progress. From every city come reports that the recent New Year's celebration was the most abandoned orgy of shame in the nation's history. This is America's greatest crisis. How can she expect God's blessing when she has her back turned on God?

What can be done? That is the universal question. It is certain that education cannot save us, for many of the educational leaders of this land have been bowing at the feet of Moscow for 25 years. Education did not save Germany from destruction by her own hand. Legislation cannot help. The organized classes and factions and interests lobbying in legislative halls are making corrective and constructive legislation almost impossible. Military victories cannot lift us out of this human tragedy. America can cover herself with glory on every battlefield of the world and yet perish in her own corruption at home. America can win every victory and conquer every enemy and yet lose her own soul. If America does not repent of her sins of shame and her awful sin of forgetting God; if church members do not repent of their backsliding and spiritual indifference and get into fellowship with God; if worldly Christians do not forsake the movies and the card tables and get down on repentant knees at prayer meeting so that the church can bear a true testimony to the unsaved; if we do not get back to the Bible, and back to holy living, every victory parade will be turned into a march of death. "Ichabod" will be written over the Statue of Liberty.

The only hope for America is Jesus Christ -- the Christ who has been all but forgotten! Our country has been through dark days before. But our faith

knew what to do in such times and situations. They didn't appoint investigating committees. They didn't pass more laws. They didn't hold indignation meetings. They got busy and preached more gospel. Moody went around the world for Jesus Christ. Billy Sunday shook humanity with the gospel. Torrey and Alexander did the same. And great national calamities were averted in a wave of repentance. They held great revivals that swept whole cities and states for God. But they turned the tide. It worked. The gospel always works. It is the only thing that worked then, and it is the only thing that will work now. The preacher of the gospel is the greatest man on earth for humanity's sake.

A real, God-honoring, sin-denouncing, Spirit-filled revival that will reach from the top of this land down to the very bottom will do more to stop communism, correct economic, social, moral, and spiritual ills than all the legislation and social programs ever conceived by man. America can never be any better than the heart of its men, women and young people.

We talk about a glorious post-war world. Preachers, professors, and politicians sing out their dreams, and only dreams they are. Dreams because they are all based upon one utterly false assumption: that man is fundamentally good at heart and capable of himself to bring about and maintain a human society of righteousness and peace. Put it down right here that there can never be a better world until there are better men and women in this world. There cannot be better men and women in this world until there are better boys and girls. There cannot be better boys and girls until we have better homes, homes with truly Christian parents in them, homes with family altars with praying fathers and mothers leading them. This means that men and women must be born again with a new and divine nature through faith in Jesus Christ. Not only can't there be a better world, but the present world of men will collapse soon if a great tidal wave of revival does not sweep over mankind. The cross of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can destroy the spirit of selfishness that lies at the bottom of every war and every crime ever committed. While thousands of Christian leaders are dreaming after the desires of a fleshly world, and others are occupying themselves in novelties of Christian efforts for the sake of drawing attention to themselves, let us give ourselves to the saving of men and women who are strangers to God. If there cannot be a world-wide revival, you may have a revival in your own community. Gather two or three earnest, broken hearts around you and begin to pray for a revival that will save men from their sins, and God will send you a revival such as you have never seen before. This is the only hope for America -- a great heaven-sent revival!

Only people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land. (Joel 2:14). ☛

His Wonders on the Deep

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by Miss Ruth Snyder

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Brethren missionaries aboard the
ill-fated Zam Zam.

***They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep (Ps. 107:23-24).***

Zam Zam! What a name for a strange ship with its interesting past, its inglorious present, and its loudly lamented end! During World War I, this ship operated as a British troop ship. After the war, it was sold to an Egyptian company, which used it as a "pilgrim ship" to transport devout Mohammedans to Mecca. In the city of Mecca, according to Mohammedan belief, is the well of water which Hagar saw when God opened her eyes, as we read in Genesis 21. This well, for the Mohammedan, is a very sacred spot in a very sacred city. In their own language, this well is called Zam Zam. Therefore it was very fitting that this ship should be the Zam Zam.

World War II interrupted the pilgrimages to Mecca; so the Zam Zam turned to other business. One day her new affairs brought her into New York with her amusing Mohammedan crew. She was described as the "funniest ship on the ocean."

When she left New York, March 20, 1941, there were on board 323 souls. In addition to the crew, there were the passengers, who could be identified in four distinct groups. There was a group of British people, victims of the war in one way or another, who were setting out for a safer and happier life in the outposts of the Empire. Another group was made up of men whose commercial interests were taking them to far places. Third, there were the ambulance drivers who were setting out on a merciful errand. The last, and largest, group was made up of the missionaries and their families.

***55 high-explosive shells were fired
by the Nazi raider at the
Zam Zam without warning.***

Among all these people were many religious groups. There were Jews, Mohammedans, raw heathen from interior Africa, pagans of all sorts, Catholics, and many groups of Protestants. Among the irreligious group, perhaps there were those who hoped that some god of the many represented there would be able to hear and answer the prayers of his followers for the safety of the ship. There was One Who proved His mighty name.

This trip for the missionaries was an unusual one.

On board were many of the calling, so it was possible to have daily prayer meetings. Many were the hymns sung on deck during the blackout. These moments of Christian fellowship will long be remembered.

There were other ways in which the trip was not so pleasant. One such thing was a fleeting glimpse of the cook! How was one to get service from a steward, who spoke neither English nor French -- only "Gyptian"? The horrors of the dish washing process were not a subject for the table. Sheets, towels, water -- all were part of the general confusion. There were times when the passengers declared the greatest "peril on the sea" to be in the dining-room.

Easter Monday brought something new to discuss. Why had the ship turned suddenly west? Why, as the sun went down, were we facing it? Would we ever again see a sunset? That night the blackout was more eerie than usual, for some unknown danger lurked out there in the darkness. As the next morning dawned peacefully, the tension relaxed. Tuesday, Wednesday, we are safe! Early next week we will be in Africa.

Thursday morning, April 17! The sun was just peeping over the rim of the ocean when we realized even in the midst of our drowsy comfortableness that the Zam Zam had become a target in World War II. Jump out of bed into coat and slippers, but above all -- do not think. Do not think of the walls that might collapse on you! Do not think of the shrapnel which may strike you! Do not think of a pool of blood around a wounded man in the corridor! Do not think of the wailing of babes so rudely awakened from sleep! Do not think of a sinking ship! Do not think of a drifting life boat! Do not think of tongues blistered with thirst! Do not think--!

If this be The Valley, it is beautiful with promise for over the side of the wounded ship, drifting and sinking life boats, people struggling in the water, the watching Germans in safety on their ship, and the fluttering swastika, the Lord was gracious and placed a rainbow! To each saved heart came that peace that passeth all understanding.

We thought of the Apostle John who has told us of a "rainbow" he saw round about the throne of God (Rev. 4:3). In the midst of judgment, God set

His bow to speak of mercy and hope. That day for us, God set His testimony to remind us of His faithfulness. We thought of the day when God will let His throne without the rainbow. How glad we were that in the midst of disaster there was a rainbow for us!

At the scene, it was six o'clock in the morning. At home, it was midnight. Somewhere on a sick bed, a saint felt led to pray for some missionaries on a German raider. She prayed. It was midnight! What if she had not heeded the Spirit?

Then came the ordeal of facing the Germans. What might they do to us? Is it possible to make a ladder long enough to reach from this tossing little boat to the deck above? When the difficulties of the ladder proved too much, it was a German seaman who helped. On those watching curious faces above, there was not a smile of amusement. There was only one question: "Where are you from?" Amazement registered on their faces at the answer: "United States"!

Below we went into the bowels of the ship. How gracious God had been! Not one missionary, not one child, had received so much as a scratch from the shelling. Of the other groups of passengers, each had one who was seriously wounded. The attack had come with daylight. During the dark of the night, the raider had followed our vessel. At six o'clock every morning the Catholics had held services in the lounge. The lounge that morning became a charred mass of ruins. Who held back the attack until daylight? Who permitted the attackers to do their work before six o'clock? Is it any wonder that another prison heard hymns sung as these things became known to us that morning there in the hold of the Tamesis?

That day passed. Night came. In the hold of the raider ship we were "bunked down" for the night. On one side of a canvas were the women and children; on the other side, were the men. Midnight brought the torture of an alarm. Never again will we hear a certain type of automobile horn

The Protestant Missionaries conducting a Prayer Service in Hatch No. 2 at 8 a.m. Brother Morrill appears at the center in the bottom of the picture, still hanging on to the old hat. Little wonder that the officials declared that the "Zam Zam" Missionaries "were a resourceful, united group which stood up well under troubles."



without associating it with a life belt! There was only one way of escape, and that a single doorway which was now locked and deserted by its German guard.

Overhead was the sound of running feet. Locked in the hold were souls whose only thoughts were of death. Life had been sweet; but if now death were to be our testimony, then He would supply the needed grace. Moments dragged. A guard appeared who told us that a ship had been sighted, and if there was any danger, they would let us out. He then vanished into the unknown parts of the ship. When he soon reappeared, it was to say that they had met the ship to which we were to be transferred the next day. We crawled back into our bunks and began to long for the morrow.

The Dresden! As we saw it tied up with the Tamesis, we wondered: "What now?" During that day the Germans went busily between the two ships. Flying overhead were many sea birds whose presence might reveal our whereabouts; so the birds were doomed. As the machine gun did its work among those birds, I was haunted by some lines read many years ago when a child in school: "Instead of the cross, the albatross about my neck was hung."

During the afternoon we were transferred to the Dresden. As we boarded that little ship, a peace and calm only from above settled upon us. It was with a shock that we realized that no longer could we be individuals in this affair, but we were part of a group moving under orders from our captors. We began to realize that it means something to "stand in line." Never again until we reached New York did we make individual decisions. Perhaps to some of us, this was our keenest trial, having worked so hard to be able to think!

Night found us all crowded in some way. Quarters for 25 people now accommodated 105 women and children. Somewhere in a hold of the ship, the men were put to work making their own beds. Our own cabin was furnished for one person. Mrs. Morrill, Elaine, and Stevie, were given the bed. Two thin straw mattresses (?) served Miss Byron and me with beds. With various contortions, we were able to get into our beds. The only pain each one was spared was that of seeing himself!

That night, Steve was a sick little boy. The exposure of the morning before had left him very ill. Everyone else had quieted down for the night. The doctor had visited Steve and done all he could do. Human resources were exhausted; but still he screamed. What that screaming might do to the tired nerves around us, we did not know. We felt helpless and hopeless. Mrs. Morrill said: "Let's pray!" In a short while, the baby was sleeping. Thus, in the smallest things the Lord was good.

That night was long! As the gravity of our present situation confounded us anew, we were filled with despair. In the awful darkness of that hour,

hope seemed futile. In the midst of the deepest distress came this thought from the Lord: "Is anything too hard for God?" No, nothing would be too hard for Him -- not even the blockade! It was that night's experiences that returned in memory hour by hour to comfort us when hope again seemed vain.

Morning again! Oh, how sweet was that daylight! Routine soon filled our unoccupied time to chase by the hours more quickly. There was Steve, who without shoes, could not walk on the cold decks. He had to be passed from one pair of tired arms to another. The meager store of clothing had to be frantically washed in a desperate attempt to be clean and normal. The human mind seemed resourceful when pushed; so each one was soon busy with sewing, knitting, crocheting, -- those things that keep women contented.

Days slipped by with their slippery diet, in spite of the fact that we were sitting on a ship which seemed to be parked in the middle of the ocean. To be on a week's vacation is one thing. To sit for a week in mid-ocean, on a German boat, is another proposition! At last the word was passed around that we were waiting for the supply ship.

Why did we wait those days in the waters with only the spouting of the whales to vary the hours? Only God knows certainly. However, we were told later by the captain and the first officer of the ship on which we returned to America, that, had we not gone through the blockade while the British were looking for the Bismark, we would never have gotten safely through. No doubt this fact, humanly speaking, was a factor in our safety; for the last few days, while the Dresden slipped through the blockade, the Bismark and the Hood were already engaged in their momentous game of tag. "They that go down to the sea in ships . . . see . . . His wonders in the deep."

Each day brought its blessing of Christian fellowship.

One great daybreak brought with it the Tamesis. As we saw these two ships again together, a rainbow was in the sky. It brought fresh courage, and the assurance that our deliverance was to begin.

That day the Dresden received more supplies, and its involuntary "guests" received false hopes. Several cases of eggs were brought on board. Now we had heard that the Tamesis had been to sea a year and a half without putting into port. That story seemed too "tall" until we sat down to our first meal of those eggs! Having smelled the eggs, we are inclined to believe their story! Our false hopes centered in a promise that the Americans would not be taken through the blockade. Alas for us! As some one else so aptly expressed it: "Their psychology worked!"

Each day brought new manifestations of His faithfulness. Little hearts were comforted for lost toys and clothing. Older hearts found comfort for lost hope – the greatest of losses. Material possessions seemed nothing; but what of Africa's great need for the gospel? To Romans 8:28, we fastened all our hopes!

Even the weather itself was ample proof of His faithfulness. As we sat in the calm South Atlantic, we had a calm sea. One night it changed and the ship began to roll. We thought of our crowded condition, and sea-sick people. Sea-sickness is one disease which needs a lot of room! Here there were no comforts for the sick. We took our fears to the Lord. Soon the waves were still. *"He maketh the storm a calm, that the waves thereof are still"* (Ps. 107:29).

Never again did we have rough seas until we reached what they were pleased to call "the danger zone." Then the sea grew rough. With the memory of our former experience, we once more went to the Lord for the same purpose. To our great disappointment, the storm grew worse, and not less. As we passed those few hours in bewilderment as to why the Lord had not answered as before, we learned a fact that was news to us. We were told that a submarine could not operate if the sea is too rough! Then we realized that sometimes we ask, and we have not, for we ask amiss. As the waves piled higher, we could more than share the joy of the Germans, who were delighted with the storm. We knew Who had sent the storm: They thought that they were "lucky." *"He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves"* (Ps. 107:25).

At night, just at sunset, we were filled with more than the usual let-down that came with the darkness. In a few minutes we were to go below and be locked in for the night as usual. This night was especially hard, for our little ship was running away from some danger. How gracious of the Lord to place His bow again over the ship in that hour of need. We went to our quarters with peace: for, God was still on the throne.

Each day brought its blessing of Christian fellowship. Never will we forget our first Sunday on the Dresden. Everyone turned out for a service that afternoon. Even the captain of the ship listened with others of his men. So now they are without excuse, having that day heard the gospel of grace. A rainbow in the afternoon sky was the only background for the minister as he quoted: *"Yea, though I walk through the Valley."* As the strains of "Faith of our Fathers" drifted across the waves, many silently wondered if indeed it would be "to death."

Having found the advice of the apostle Peter very timely we girded up the loins of our minds. In speculations on the future lay a snare to doubtless we lived moment by moment, trying to let the

keep our minds in perfect peace. We felt that we had experienced somewhat of Peter's thoughts when we spoke of the *"trial by fire."* At least we had been under fire, and our faith had not been in vain. It was to Peter's epistles that we turned for comfort when we could borrow a Bible. One day, I read aloud: *"The end of all things is at hand."* So, with new zest, hope, and energy, we waited each tomorrow.

May 19, after almost six weeks at sea, we saw the coast of Spain! Over that beautiful shoreline was a rainbow! We felt that now we could understand the joy of ancient Israel in the pillar of fire and the cloud. All that day, a rainbow appeared from time to time. At sunset it was just before us.

May 20, we were at port in occupied France. Over the flapping swastikas, the rainbow graced the morning sky. We had not wanted to come to this place; but now were silently reminded that *"His kingdom ruleth over all."*

That afternoon we were taken to Biarritz. Of our experiences in France much could be said. We heard of their need for butter, flour, meat, potatoes, coal. We saw the despair that came with defeat. We heard the tramp, tramp, tramp, tramp of booted feet, and the haunting strains of their marching song, as the troops of occupation paraded the streets of the city. Everywhere the conquerers were in evidence.

One day a lady called to me. When I answered, she said, "Lady, when you go back to America, send us flour and milk for our babies!" It was hard to explain to her just why this was impossible. She said, "Yes, I understand!" Often I have wondered if I could have understood, had our positions been reversed and it had been I whose starving babes would soon be joined by another little mouth to be fed!

The Word of God tells us that the *"curse causeless shall not come"* (Prov. 26:2). Before we left France, we had an experience which we believe indicated the cause for the sufferings of France. One of the young ladies had lost, among other things, a French Bible. Thinking that it would be easier to replace this Bible in France than in America, three of us went from book store to book store looking for a Bible. The shop keepers would point with pride to their English books, but of French Bibles there was a dearth. It was not possible for this lady to replace her lost Bible. Everywhere they seemed amazed that anyone should want to read the Bible. Finally we were told that it would be impossible to purchase a Bible in Biarritz. Evidently France had not been reading the Word of God. Had the people honored this Word, perhaps they would not now stop Americans from entering.

Those were wonderful days in sad France at last. Sunday morning May 31, we got on board the ship for our journey to Lisbon. Never again did we have a visit to grandma's

like young and old looked forward to this trip. At last the busses moved, and we were on our way. From the busses we went to a train. Those last few moments in occupied France were long. Outside, a German guard paced the platform. "Good-bye to you and your fellows!" -- for the primitive train is moving! Just one long breath and we were in Spain! The last day of school could not compare with this! It was then that old reserves were cast aside and we rejoiced together.

That day we spent in San Sabastian. The luxury of a bath in hot water was a thrill. Dessert for dinner gave us a stuffed feeling. The supplies of poverty-stricken Spain seemed riches to us weary refugees.

Soon we were on another train "speeding slowly" toward Portugal. Now we were "somebody"! We were riding in cars reserved by the American Red Cross. As we went in and out of tunnels, climbed up mountains, looked down into deep narrow valleys, we could have enjoyed the Pyrenees better had we not known that a "hot box" had developed in our nice private car -- first class!

Our next trial was to have to abandon our coach. Baggage went rapidly out the windows. Soon all were out in the pouring rain. There we waited until another car was hooked onto the train. Back we went, but alas! This coach was much smaller. Some of us had to go back thru the train to the 3rd class. That night we spent with singing, drunken Spaniards. Others of our traveling companions were Jewish refugees from Germany, whom we met again to our joy on the Mouzinho. Traveling 3rd class in Europe is an experience to be dreaded; but having done it, we would not have missed the fun for the proverbial farm in Spain.

He bringeth them into their desired haven.

Sunday. We crossed into Portugal. There we encountered the experience of presenting our passports to a man in civilian clothes. We would not have worried, had not our advisor from the American consul been greatly agitated by our action. We did not breathe easily again until those precious documents were again in our hands.

That afternoon, as we traveled on toward Lisbon, a rainbow appeared over the rocky fastness of Portugal! To some of us, it brought joy and peace. To others it was an omen of "bad luck." What a picture it gave us of the gospel, which is a savor of life unto life, and death unto death (II Cor. 2:16).

Monday morning we arrived in Lisbon. From there we were taken to historic Cintra, to hotels where we awaited word from home. That word came from the State Department. We must return to America!

How were we, unknown and in humble circumstances, to obtain passage to America? Thousands of wealthy refugees are crowded into Lisbon, which city is known as the "escape hatch of Europe." There was nothing too hard for the God of heaven.

June 10, 26 of us boarded the Mouzinho. Here we were crowded into 3rd class quarters. Third "class" is a misnomer for there was no "class" to it! Sanitary conditions were unspeakable.

Our fellow-passengers interested us as much as we interested them. If we went by faces, we were in Egypt on the Zam Zam! We had our wilderness wanderings on the Tamesis and Dresden. Now, by looking around, we could believe that we were in Jerusalem! It was our privilege to travel with Jewish war refugees from all over Europe.

Each afternoon we tried to teach heavy tongues of little boys to get our difficult English "th", for they were eager to have us teach them English. Adults and children met daily for classes with the Americans. Our greatest privilege was to speak the language of heaven to these people and speak of our Lord.

The Americans were the most popular passengers on board. These poor Jews were amazed that we could laugh after our experiences. They had not even smiles. We had the Savior and they did not. Therefore, we could laugh while they were sad.

On Sunday, we had a service in the lounge. It was crowded to capacity. Many Jewish ears heard the story of the cross. God had not set us aside, but turned our feet another way.

In our group was a German-speaking young lady. In conversation with an elderly German Jewess, it was her privilege to lead this old lady to the Lord Jesus. Truly, "God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Had the Zam Zam reached Capetown, who would have witnessed to this woman?

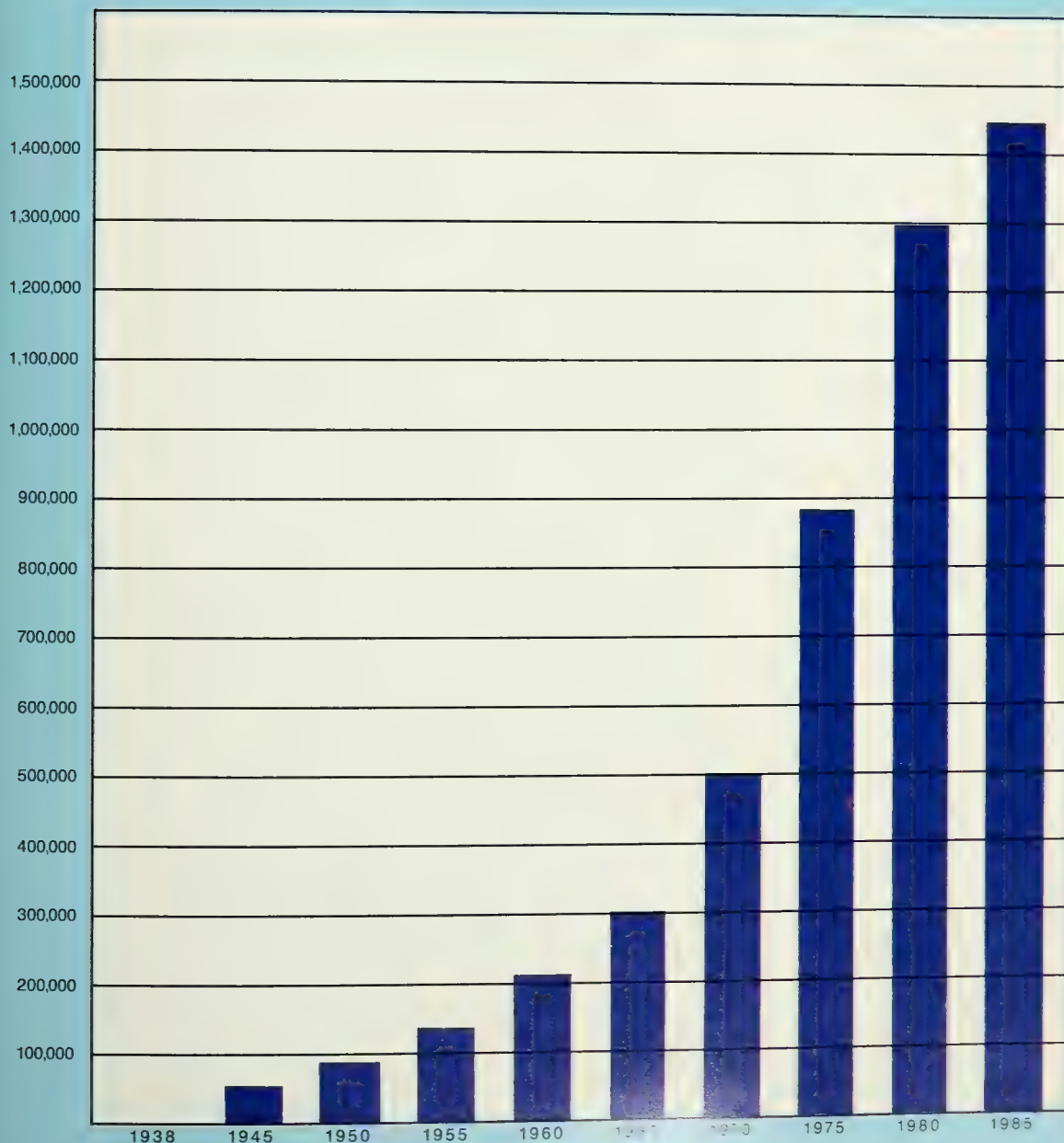
So, "He bringeth them unto their desired haven" (Ps. 107:30). May 21, we reached New York! It was exactly three months since we had left. During that time we had traveled an estimated distance of 21,000 miles. Now the words of the Lord Jesus became real to us. "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

It was little Elaine Morrill, who, one night, on the Dresden prayed, "Dear Jesus, you know all about the Zam Zam; but I don't care any more, for I have other things to play with now!" We older ones share her sentiment. It is not toys which have comforted us; but we were comforted by the everlasting arms which have proven such a safe refuge. He has bared His mighty arm in our behalf. He has proven His name to be a strong tower into which the righteous may run. ■

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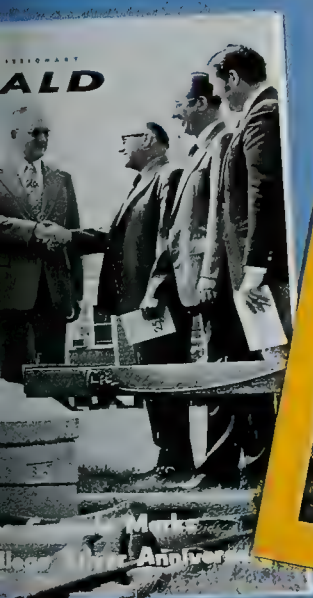
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- 1939 -- Leo Polman, Fort Wayne, Indiana edits the *Herald* which is published weekly. The printing is done in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1943 -- The Herald Company moves to Winona Lake, Indiana and purchases property on Chestnut Street.
- 1945 -- Marvin L. Goodman becomes editor.
- 1947 -- Miles Taber becomes editor.
- 1952 -- Conard Sandy becomes editor.
- 1953 -- Arnold Kreigbaum becomes editor.
- 1956 -- New facilities on Kings Highway, Winona Lake are built and occupied. The new building is the home of the *Herald*, Foreign Missions and Home Missions.
- 1963 -- The *Herald* magazine changed to a bi-weekly publication.
- 1963 -- Richard Grant becomes editor.
- 1968 -- Clyde Landrum becomes editor.



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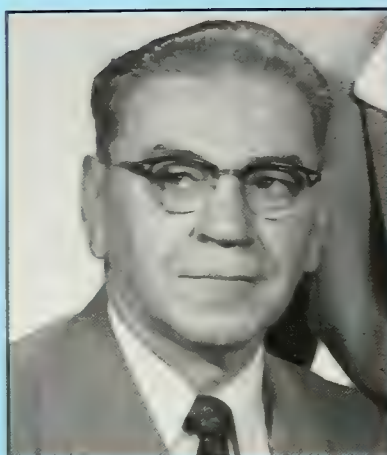
- 1969 -- Herald Bookstore established in Fullerton, California.
- 1969 -- BMH Printing was established, Bruce Brickel, manager.
- 1969 -- First full color cover for *Herald*.
- 1970 -- "Hot type" is "out". The electronic age enters the Herald typesetting area.
- 1970 -- BMH Books division established.
- 1970 -- Charles W. Turner becomes editor.
- 1971 -- Fullerton, California Herald Bookstore sold.
- 1973 -- *Herald* magazine named "Most Improved Denominational Publication" by Evangelical Press Association.
- 1978 -- First year of \$1,000,000 sales.
- 1979 -- *Herald* magazine changed to a monthly publication.
- 1981 -- Printed first 1,000,000 copies of "Question" tract.
- 1987 -- Printing of "Question" tract passes 2,000,000.
- 1987 -- Sales cross the \$1,500,000 mark.



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1968-1970



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Here's my gift
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Hope it goes
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John

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In planning and launching this new magazine, which makes its initial bow this year, its sponsors made no mistake in their selection of an appropriate name. They began with the name, "The Brethren Herald", very happily chosen as the caption of the Home Council magazine, and simply added the word "Missionary", placing it squarely in the center of the original name; a prophecy, we trust, of the central place that missions shall hold in its pages. Thus the entire name contains three important words, each one indicating a specific task, and which taken together suggest the threefold policy and program of the magazine.

First, It is a HERALD

The word "herald" occurs but once in our common English Version (Dan. 3:4), where it refers to the herald of a pagan monarch. But there is another word in the Bible which occurs no less than 61 times in the New Testament and is generally rendered "preach" and a few times "proclaim" and "publish". The Greek word means literally "to announce a message after the manner of a herald". Over and over the word is employed of the preaching of the gospel in such passages as I Cor. 1:23, "But we preach Christ crucified"; and II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word". In this remarkable verb, so frequently used by the apostles, we may learn something very important about the message which was preached. For it is not enough merely to preach. The really important thing is *what* we preach. When the workers of the early church went out to save men, they did not save them with social programs, legislative schemes, or new economic policies. They did not call upon men to save themselves. They did not lay down a code of divine laws by which men might become sons of God. What they did do was to go everywhere simply telling a story, the story of the Lord Jesus and what He did at Calvary. As "heralds" they proclaimed salvation through Him, complete, finished forever, the gift of God's grace, without money and without price. And if this new magazine does what they did, it will truly be a "Herald", a herald of good news to sinners. Most pulpits and publications have ceased to be heralds in this sense. Instead of telling sinners what Christ did to save men, they are telling men how to save themselves. And this is to mock the needs of

sinners. As the old Chinese said to the modernist missionary, "We are dying for want of Bread, and all you do is tell a recipe for making bread."

Second, It is a BRETHREN Herald

This magazine is to be a "Brethren" publication in the complete Biblical sense of that term which is deeply precious to many of us. That means its devotion to the whole Word of God. In its pages nothing is to appear which even by intimation puts a question-mark after anything in the Word. On the other hand, it will welcome the presentation of any truth which is clearly taught in the Word. When our Blessed Lord says, "Swear not at all", the editors of this magazine will not exclude this command, nor try to soften its solemn force, merely to hold a few subscribers who may have violated it. And when the Bible declares an uncompromising attitude of enmity toward this present evil world with all its ways, and demands that the Christian come out of it in holy separation, this magazine will never apologize for this demand, no matter what the cost may be in material gain. It has been a vicious practice of the professing church, through the centuries, to lay great stress on the Biblical commands which can be obeyed without any great bother, and at the same time ignore the commands which cost something to obey. The editors, by the grace of God, expect to be chiefly concerned about what is taught in the Word, not what some men may think about it. For this cause there must be constant prayer that we may be delivered from the fear of men and kept in His will.

Third, It is a MISSIONARY Herald

It matters not how perfectly orthodox we may be in faith, or how zealous we may be about the correct observance of the forms of the church, if we shut up our bowels of compassion for a lost world, God Himself will write "ICHABOD" over the portals of our churches. For the glory has departed

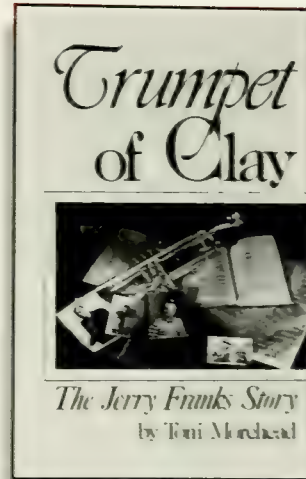
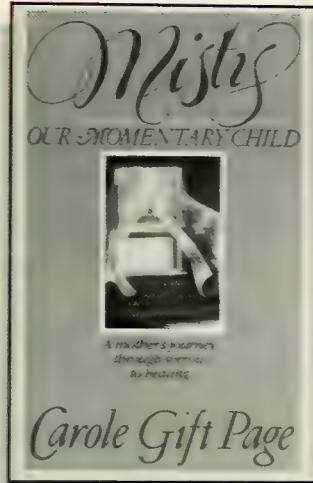
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God Bless America?

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by Dr. Louis S. Bauman

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The song "God Bless America" is becoming quite familiar and is sung all over these United States of ours. But, isn't it well for us to stop and think and seriously ask, "Can God bless America?" Statistics show that America is leading the nations of the earth in crime, divorce, beer drinking, and all their associated ills. At this present time, she is probably leading the so-called civilized nations in juvenile delinquency. Lawlessness is rampant everywhere. Jesus Christ seems to be counted out of the councils of those who are in authority.

If America wants God to bless her, the thing she needs to do is to go to her knees, and upon bended knee pray for America as Daniel prayed for Judah and Jerusalem; and, then, perhaps God will hear our prayers and bless America. When Daniel beheld the "desolation of Jerusalem" he said, "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have

done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land . . . Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets . . . O Lord hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God: for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name" (Daniel 9:3-6, 10, 19).

We predict that unless the people of America shall turn their faces back to the Christ Whom they seem to have forsaken, singing and praying "God Bless America" will prove to be but singing and praying into the air.



Dr. Louis S. Bauman

Modernistic Preachers and Church Workers Vs. Juvenile Court Judges and Police Chiefs

In a single issue of the *Protestant Voice* (Nov. 26, 1943) we read several articles dealing with the problem of juvenile delinquency and its cure. Strange to say that we found modernistic church leaders in favor of purely social youth entertainment programs as a cure, while judges and police officers were declaring that a return to the old-time religious faith based on individual regeneration was the only cure. Amazing, but true!

For instance, a news item from Detroit, Michigan, dated November 26th, informs us that the Detroit Council of Churches held that "juvenile delinquency points to the woeful inadequacies of our churches in their present programs for serving youth." This Council then urged development of the use of the parish house facilities to the end that they might be made "more attractive to the children and youth of the community." These facilities would include "soda bars," record players, gymnasium equipment, hobby shops, etc.

Another news item of the same date told of the remedies for juvenile delinquencies suggested at the Southern California Conference on Christian Social Relations held in Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Church Federation of Los Angeles. Rev. John L. Mixon, Director of the Welfare of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, introduced the chairman of the recently organized Los Angeles Youth Activities Committee to appeal to the judges to "open their doors during the week to children of all creeds, letting them play in their playgrounds, their gymnasiums, etc." This Conference declared that youth "needs both physical and moral cleaning up" and urged that youth be given a free hand in making plans for community entertainment and recreation. It recommends that school facilities be made available for social functions and that teachers, community agencies, and service clubs be asked to help.

Then in this same paper we read in another item

where Judge Mark W. Rhodes of the Marion County (Ind.) Juvenile Court declared that "children are running the homes and the schools." He went on to say of the streams of juvenile delinquents who passed before him that "these children didn't know anything about their churches. The only thing that can check the wave of juvenile delinquency is a religious regeneration and a return to the moral tenets of their fathers. This moral resurgence must come within the home, the school and the church."

On another page we read that "Police Chiefs, the country over, are seeking a cure for crime. Chief E. L. Patch of Ypsilanti, Michigan, frankly acknowledges that they are getting nowhere. He believes there is but one way to combat the dangers of lawlessness, which menace our nation today. We need religion that checks crime at its source; he insists, in religion and the Bible we find the only cure for crime. . . . Delinquencies and crime spread rapidly. The number of arrests is alarming, and they represent, as a usual thing, only the more advanced cases. Law enforcement agencies are doing what they can. We put the

worst offenders through the 'spanking machine', use whatever force is necessary to keep the situation in hand; but force alone is not a lasting cure. Punishment -- various measures adopted by so-called law and order for deterring crime -- always fails unless there is regeneration from within. Religion -- the kind that exalts Jesus Christ as our personal Savior -- offers the only solution."

Rooted at the very heart of the problem of juvenile delinquency, according to Chief Patch, is "moral and spiritual breakdown in family life -- indifference to God and His laws . . . The Gospel puts the cure where it belongs -- in the heart."

What strange days are these upon which we have fallen, when preachers, religious teachers and workers, in conventions assembled, talk of "soda bars", record players, gymnasiums, hobby shops, supervised dancing, mountain hikes, school-ground recreation, and every what-not, as the solution to the problems of sinning youth; and leave it to judges and police chiefs to exalt "religion -- the kind that exalts Jesus Christ as our personal Savior --" as the only solution.

Adolf Hitler "Spits In His Own Face"

Here is the boast of Adolf Hitler with which the whole world was made acquainted quite some time ago:

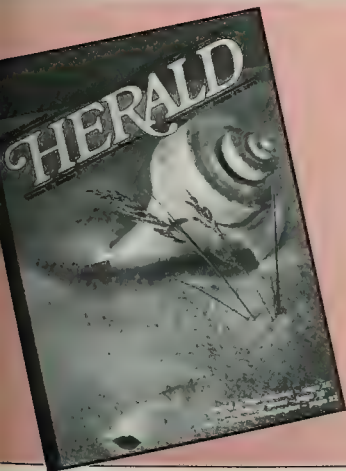
"Nothing will prevent me from tearing up Christianity, root and branch. . . . We are not out against a hundred-to-one different kinds of Christianity, but against Christianity itself. All people who profess creeds . . . are traitors to the people. Even those Christians who really want to serve the people we will have to suppress. I myself am a heathen to the core."

How successful Adolf Hitler has been in making good his boast may best be told by a chaplain in one of the camps of German prisoners in Tennessee, who recently wrote:

"I wish you could have been present to see with what avidity these books (Bibles) were received by these (German) prisoners of war. . . . I am here to tell you that Hitler has not succeeded in eradicating the hope of the Christian faith from the hearts of his people."

It is related that once upon a time the famous atheist, Tom Paine, who wrote the famous book known as "The Age of Reason," asked Benjamin Franklin what he thought of the book. The only reply from Franklin was: "Tom, he who spits against the wind spits in his own face."

Atheists who are so prone to spit usually do that very thing -- they spit in their own faces!



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Noah Days Are Now Upon Us

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NOAH DAYS ARE NOW UPON US

Our Lord, in one of his prophetic discourses, declared that the days of his coming would be like the days of Noah. *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man"* (Luke 17:26) And while it may be true that little is known about these days, it is still true that the average believer has enough information at his command to discern the signs of the times in which we are living. He is able to select the deadly parallel of our days with those days before the flood. There is one outstanding impression created in the minds of men by the mention of Noah Days, and that is sin. But the awful sinfulness of those days can scarcely be imagined by anyone, the taught or the untaught. And were it not for the fact that the major lines of descent into sin is a matter of divine accord, it is possible that the faithful would question the record. A careful perusal of the Genesis record is alarming, for it so closely approximates the days of our years.

1. The sin of Noah's days was celestial in accentuation. In Genesis 6:2 it is recorded *"That the sons of God saw the daughters of men"*. The introduction of this story into the Genesis account intimates that something unusual is to be announced. And the thing that is unusual is undoubtedly the relations between "the sons of God" and the "daughters of men". While there is great disagreement among the Bible scholars concerning the identity of "the sons of God", it must be admitted that the best argument supports the interpretation that these were fallen angels and not "Sethites". This interpretation is supported by the use of the phrase "sons of God" in Job 1:6; 2:1. It explains Jude 6, and gives a satisfactory explanation for the presence of giants in the earth according to verse 4. There is one reading in the Septuagint version of the Old Testament that reads "the Angels of God". And one of the greatest philologists who ever lived declares that this phrase cannot be made to mean anything other than angels. If this is true, and there is great reason to believe that it is, there is here an explanation in part for the awful wickedness of those days.

2. The sin of Noah's days was universal in extent. The record declares that these angels "took them wives" of all which they chose (Gen. 6:2). This means that sin had permeated all society. The descendents of Seth as well as the descendents of Cain had fallen into sin. So universal had become the sweep of sin, that there was only one man and his family who escaped. And even this man and his family did not entirely

escape the contamination of that sinful age. For after the flood, Noah fell into the sin of drunkenness, and one of his sons fell into unnameable sin. The awful evidence of the depths of degeneration to which the antediluvian society has fallen is marked by the state of the women in that society. Here was a society of women which had

fallen to such depths that they threw off the restraints of husbands, fathers and home; unduly exposed themselves to public gaze; aroused the passions of angels; and actually submitted to conjugal relations with another order of beings. To these unions were born children, and in this environment of self-will and viciousness they grew up to outdo their mothers. The cup of iniquity is almost full when a situation like this exists.

3. The sin of Noah's days was doctrinal in expression. It was necessary for the Lord to remind some that his Spirit would "not always strive" with man (Gen. 6:3). The Spirit's work is not some unintelligible influence brought to bear upon men solely from within. It is rather an influence brought to bear upon men through the process of the mind. Man is a creature endowed with intelligence, and it is therefore logical to believe that God will seek to work through man's mind. Undoubtedly God strove with men through the preaching of Noah (2 Peter 2:5). What it was that Noah preached is not definitely stated. But the essence of it must have been that the flood was coming upon wicked men. He believed that truth and it was counted to him for righteousness, and he built an ark to the saving of his family (Heb. 11:7). But others laughed it to scorn. And the Spirit ceased to strive with men when they were disobedient to the warning. It was then that the flood came and took away all the ungodly of that generation (1 Pet. 3:20).

4. The sin of Noah's days was volitional in kind. In that day there were "men of renown"



Herman A. Hoyt, Th.D.

Gen. 6:4). The origin of these leaders can be traced to the unnatural union between the fallen angels and the daughters of men. Probably verse 4 should read, "There became giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men, which were of old men of renown". This unholy and unnatural union produced among men an unusual group of individuals who accentuated the sin of that day. These men were giants in stature ("giants"), giants in intellect ("mighty men"), and giants in fame ("men of renown"). Possessing huge bodies and enlarged mental capacity. It is not surprising that they rose to leadership and made contribution to that society. But no matter what contribution they made to that society they are remembered only for their sinfulness. Being the offspring of an unholy union, and being nurtured in an ungodly environment, they led the people in open rebellion against God. Peter refers to them as "disobedient" (I Pet. 3:20), and by that word he means deliberate and determined opposition to the will of God.

5. The sin of Noah's days was total in personality. It is recorded further that the Lord described the sinfulness of that day as extending to "every imagination" (Gen. 6:5). This does not mean a depraved heart, for all men have that, even Noah. Total depravity does not mean that any man or men have committed all the sins in the gamut of sin. But it does mean that the human heart is capable of all that, if time and circumstances provide opportunity. Nor does this charge mean that the antediluvians had degenerate minds. Of course they had degenerate minds, for a sinful nature is bound to defile the thinking. But this statement means far more than this. It rather refers to all that the mind produces -- every purpose, plan, passion, as debased. The thoughts, the feelings, the volitions were all low and vile. Every emotion that rose up within them was saturated with evil. Every passion that surged through them was infested with evil. Every determination that carried them along was calculated to result in evil. In other words, the entire personality was given over to planning, perpetration and practice of evil in their daily lives.

6. The sin of Noah's days was continual in practice. The full extent of this sin is marked by the phrase "only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). Moses was most certainly emphatic in this statement, as can be ascertained by referring to the original Hebrew, for the phrase means "nothing but evil". The word "continually" is literally "the whole day". By this expression the Lord is describing the daily routine of the people of Noah's day from morning till night and all the night through the functioning of the heart, and mind, and

was one continual round of evil. A depraved heart controlled the mind and stimulated it to thought. The mind produced evil thoughts, plans, and purposes. The will, thus energized, excited passions and moved the body into action. And continually the whole day through that degenerate, degraded, debased, and despicable people practiced evil.

7. The sin of Noah's days was intolerable in character. Moses records the Lord as saying, after viewing all this iniquity, "I will destroy man" (Gen. 6:7). The Lord "repented" that he had made man. This does not mean that he changed his purpose. But it does mean that he had to change his dealing with men. His purpose is eternal and ultimately he will work out his purpose with men. But toward some men he must change his dealings in order that he may realize his eternal purpose. He was "Grieved" that this was necessary. The intensity of this grief is marked by the fact that this word in the original is used to describe the pain of a woman in travail. Only God, who is sinless, can know the full horror of sin. And God could do nothing else but utterly destroy men from the face of the earth that this whole miasmal stench might be swept away. Every effort on the part of God to win mankind through generations had been deliberately, universally, and totally, rejected. The state of sin had become intolerable, and there was nothing left but judgment.

These are the days that are declared to be a prototype of the days of the endtime by none other than our blessed Lord himself. And this being true we can expect them to be fulfilled just as literally as they were in the days of Noah. Probably the awful fulfillment of this prophecy will not take place in completeness until after the Church is caught away to be with the Lord. But the very fact that these moral and spiritual conditions are to be repeated in days shortly preceding the coming of our Lord to earth in revealed glory, it is altogether possible that the symptoms of moral declension will be evident before the church is caught out of the world. One cannot study over the various aspects of wickedness in the antediluvian world without noting some deadly parallels today. Let every believer take heed to the times in which he lives. Some early morning the Bridegroom may call forth from the heavens for his bride.

The World Is Preparing for Antichrist

Familiar words concerning the Antichrist appear in 1. "Let no man deceive you by any manner of word: that day shall not come, except there shall first, and that man of sin be revealed: who opposeth and

exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." We lay much emphasis upon the fact that the Antichrist will appear satanically energized for his career, but we fail utterly to realize that preceding and simultaneous with his appearance there is a great apostasy or "falling away" among men. Little do we realize that this great apostasy is the movement that sets the stage for the appearance of the "man of sin". This apostasy is none other than a departure from the generally accepted fundamentals of faith. And more than that, it is the falling away of mankind in general from the belief in a transcendent God, a God who is above, apart from, and over his creation. Supplanting this great fundamental truth is the doctrine that God is creation. That all is God and God is all. Since man is a part of creation, it will be very easy for a world of men who therefore hold that man is a part of God to accept a great man and confer upon him the deity. It will be to a world that is ready to receive a blaspheming creature that Antichrist will appear, and they receive him. Well did our blessed Lord remind the Jews, "*I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive*" (John 5:43).

The philosophy of pantheism is being propagated from pulpit and platform, over the air and on the printed page, in the classroom and through the class text. It goes under a variety of names. It is sometimes recognized under the title of "humanism"; at others under the title of "naturalism", or "materialism", or "evolutionism", or "modernism". The philosophy is so subtle that few realize that it is making its sinister inroads upon their minds and heart. In essence it is lowering of the estimate of God and the exaltation of men. Grade school, high school, college, university, seminary, professional schools are almost all consciously or unconsciously inserting the deadly virus of this philosophy in the minds of people. And since the unregenerate and carnal heart provide a fertile field in which this philosophy may grow, it is not surprising to find it sweeping the country. The result is a dangerous rebellion against the authority of God in matters of morals and a decided determination to make man the measure of his own morality. We are already seeing the avalanche in the morals of society. And since the wind has been sown, we may expect to see the whirlwind appear. This betokens the near approach of the end of the age and the appearance of the "man of sin".

Will the United Nations Win the Peace?

Very recently, James A. Reed, 82, former Missouri senator, died. Senator Reed was an outspoken member of an outspoken team that talked the League of Nations to death, and was therefore branded by the late President Woodrow Wilson as a leader of "the battalion of death." Mr. Reed was more than convinced, after the fiasco of "the League of Nations to bring about world order," that all those who were developing plans for a worldwide order to be set up after World War II were visionaries. And he advanced two objections to any postwar plan: first, no one had enough facts to build any workable organization; and second, human nature would defeat any plan eventually, even though it got off to a successful start.

No one will accuse Mr. Reed of being of the holy persuasion. But any who knows the Word of God must admit that he spoke truth recorded in the word of God, and perhaps, he spoke better than he knew. It may be that Mr. Reed did not mean by his objections precisely what an expositor of the word would mean, in case he were expressing himself on the same subject. But one must admit that as far as he went, he was speaking words which will be more than vindicated by the course of events within the near future. The past has already verified those words. But men are too blind, willfully blind, to read clearly the commentary of the past upon the fads and fancies of the present. Only the future can reveal conclusively to men who promulgate such plans their sheer nonsense.

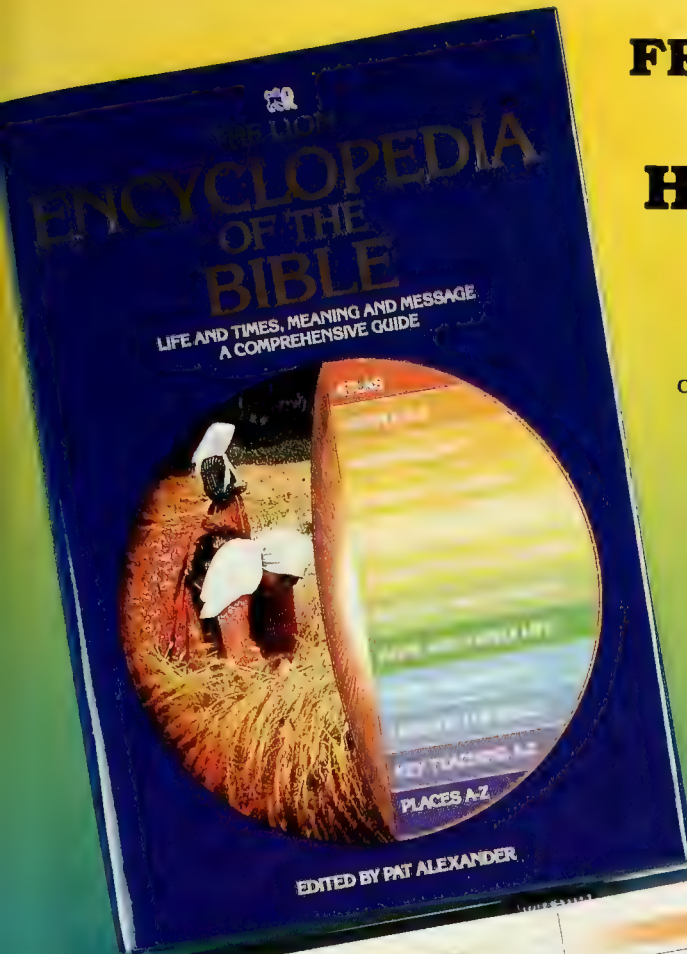
For those who are willing to read and believe the word of God the course of events through the immediate and remote future are clear. God alone must interfere directly in the affairs of men before any lasting peace will be won. This provides for the two objections which were so apparent to Mr. Reed. On the one hand God in the person of his Son will have all the facts at his disposal. He is the omnipotent and omniscient God, and it is He who will speak peace to the nations so that they learn war no more. Then too, this Mediatorial King has already laid the foundation for a kingdom of men and women who will have changed natures. When they enter the kingdom of God they will be born again. The saints will rule and reign with Christ. The priesthood will be pure and undefiled. And things that bring wars will be done away. It is true that these facts are tremendously humiliating to unregenerate men. And that explains why they shut their eyes to the truth and plunge on in their blind way to death and destruction. But to the redeemed, hope and an eager reaching forth toward the future and that Blessed Hope are in evidence. ■

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

OLDEST MEMBERS

Ruth Ashman, widow of Dr. Charles Ashman, Sr., and sister of the late Dr. Alva J. McClain, was honored recently by the Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, CA, on occasion of her ninetieth birthday. Her sister, **Mary Miller**, age 95, was in attendance.



Mary Miller & Ruth Ashman

Donald Shoemaker, Ruth's pastor, has appreciated the value of the oldest members of his congregation for their "rich reservoir of wisdom and life experiences."

(Photo courtesy of *Press Telegram*, Long Beach, CA.)

THE KING'S BRASS

The Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, PA, sponsored the special night of music on August 9 at the Lititz Springs Park Bandshell. The King's Brass, under the direction of Tim Zimmerman who has recently accepted the position as Artist in Residence/Chairman of the Music Department at Grace College, Winona Lake, IN, presented a concert for the entire evening. This summer, the musical group has toured from New York to Chicago and from Philadelphia to St. Louis.

99th Birthday

Mrs. John F. (Elizabeth) Loose of the Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg, PA, has just celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. She has been

a lifelong member of the Brethren Church and has served as deaconess for many years. She still enjoys good health and lives an active life. (Submitted by her son Robert, of Murrysville, PA.)



Elizabeth Loose

NEW PASTOR

Don Hinks is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Gettysburg, PA. All mail should be sent to 24 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, PA 17325 (Tel. 717/334-1282 or 717/334-8634).

MARRIAGES

LONGWORTH: Kimberly Rivera and Gregory Longworth, July 16, 1988, in the Rainbow Grace Brethren Church, Ewa Beach, HI. Kip Coffman, pastor.

MUNCH: Patricia Poe and Henry Munch, June 18, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Pastor Robert Dell performed the ceremony.

PLEGER: Vondalea Henninger and Jim Pleger, June 25, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

SELBY: Sandra Rivetti and Daniel Selby, June 25, 1988, in the Suburban Grace Brethren Church of

Hatboro, PA. Gary Gnagey, pastor. The following weddings were performed at the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH. James Custer, pastor:

Thomas and Leigh (Overmyer) Emmons, March 5, 1988. Pastor Bernie Simmons.

Daniel and Lisa (Eisenmann) Moon, March 19, 1988. Pastor Rick Nuzum.

Paul and Michaelann (Namey) Doherty, April 2, 1988. Pastor Rick Nuzum.

William and Mary Ann (Shoemaker) Edwards, April 16, 1988. Pastor Rick Nuzum.

Thomas and Mary Joe (Seitz) Runfola, May 14, 1988. Pastor Rick Nuzum.

C. Michael and Linda (Bailey) Bowman, May 20, 1988. Pastor Bernie Simmons.

Brian and Sue (Huffman) Judd, June 4, 1988. Doug Forsythe, pastor.

Mark and Janet (Walcott) Stanley, June 4, 1988. Pastor Bernie Simmons.

Bret and Wendy (Coons) Rochotte, June 18, 1988. Dick Gauch, pastor.

Keith and April (Ramey) Olds, June 18, 1988. Pastor Rick Nuzum.

Richard J. and Robin (Steckhan) Schuman, June 18, 1988. Pastor Jim Custer.

DEATHS

DRAPER, LAWRENCE, 77, July 25, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

IBACH, ROBERT, 78, August 21, 1988. Rev. Ibach served for several years as Director of Public Relations for the Christian Assembly and Bible Conference at Winona Lake, IN. Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant View Bible Church, Warsaw, IN, with Rev. Ivan French officiating.

KENT, ELEANOR, 86, June 27, 1988. She was an aunt of Homer and Wendell Kent, and a faithful member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

LEPPERT, DAVID W., 20, July 12, 1988. He was a vital part of the music ministry and served in various positions of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, FL. Stephan Edmonds, pastor.

MILLER, JOHN F., 62, July 2, 1988. He was a lay elder of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church of Hollidaysburg, PA. Robert Griffith, pastor.

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Winona Lake Christian Assembly Merged Into Grace Schools

On July 18, 1988, the Board of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Winona Lake, Indiana, voted to approve a resolution to formally merge the Assembly and Grace Schools. On July 30, 1988 the Board of Grace Schools accepted the resolution and voted to proceed with finalizing the merger. The original agreement between the two groups was made in 1968.

The use of the facilities of the Assembly will be undergoing a feasibility study during the next year. The Winona Hotel is completing all agreements that were previously made, and closed to some public functions after September 4th. The Billy Sunday Tabernacle was used very little during the 1988 Bible Conference Season. (Extensive roof renovation would be required for the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, this coupled with the Winona Hotel repairs and improvements would amount several hundred thousand dollars according to preliminary cost estimates.)

The Grace Schools Conference will meet at Winona Lake for the 1989 National Conference. This conference is being this conference.

made as to the future of National Conference and where it will meet.

Moody Bible Conference, which has met at Winona Lake for about fifty years, will be having their Conference in Michigan in 1989.

The Winona Lake Historical Society has expressed their concern for the future of the present buildings, and particularly the Billy Sunday Tabernacle.

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from the church which is content to eat the Bread of Life in solitary selfishness. Now it is no secret that the group of churches supporting this magazine, although numerically about half of The Brethren Church, nevertheless give at least ninety percent of the missionary offerings. This fact is pointed out to show the absolute necessity for a magazine which will give proper emphasis to the cause of missions, not to boast of what we have done. As a matter of fact, in the face of the world's desperate need, we have done nothing worth boasting about. But since we have made a good beginning in the matter of carrying the gospel to a lost world, we need a magazine which will jealously guard this missionary interest and seek to increase it in coming days. There is a type of thought in some so-called Brethren churches which is satisfied to devote its energies and funds upon its own selfish welfare and comfort. It should be the business of this magazine to fight against all such tendencies without ceasing. For the end of these things is death to the church. He that would save his life shall lose it. ■



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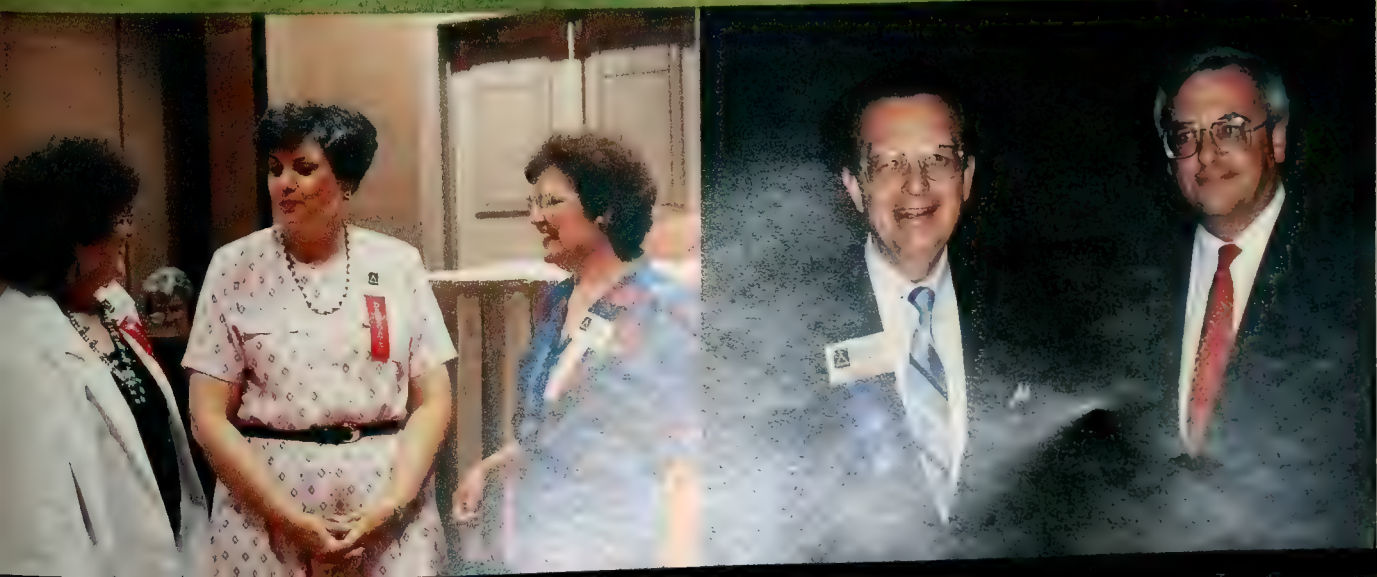
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Conference in the Desert

by Charles W. Turner

The National Conference of 1988 will long be remembered for the sheer beauty of its setting. Palm Desert is one of the more beautiful resort centers of the Southwest with manicured lawns and golf courses. The Marriott Desert Springs Resort offered a lobby with marble and its own boat dock; its atrium seemed to soar to the sky. There were even palm trees, swans and exotic birds and a manikin that played the piano by the hour and never tired. The meeting rooms with the glass chandeliers made it all very classy.

But there were other things to remember as well. The program planning brought us two of the most outstanding Christian personalities of the day. Chuck Colson of Watergate and the Nixon era exemplifies what God can do in bringing change. His words of instruction and warning of the needs of our present society in itself made the trip to the desert well worth the effort. I have heard Mr. Colson a number of times, he speaks as a person of God with the concerns of humanity and its needs. His background gives him a most unique perspective.

The Conference was about concern and compassion. Joni Eareckson Tada is the living embodiment of concern. Her personal experiences and her internal struggle to find God's will and peace can bring the tears rolling down your cheeks in warm little streams. Our lives as believers from time to time are

challenged by touches of experiences that are bitter to taste and hard to understand. Joni helped us all to see how such challenges can be met. She opened the door of her heart and let us all look in and it helped to give understanding and concern.

Joni met with Cosy Pittman for lunch and they permitted me the intrusion of a picture session. It became clear to me in the minutes that I spent with them, they were binding their hearts together in a common understanding.

It was a conference characterized by a seeking of the role of the Brethren church in the last decade. of this century.

The Conference moved quickly and with good leadership in all of the areas that are involved at such functions. The business meetings, ministers' meetings, WMC and men's meetings covered their business in good sessions. There was time to see the area and do what Brethren probably do best -- FELLOWSHIP.

It was a conference characterized by a seeking of the role of the Brethren Church in the last decade of this century. It sought to bring us into reality with the world in which we live. It dealt with our emotions and mental

processes as a unit. We talked tentatively with words like AIDS and the people who have it. We were very cautious. We talked of prison ministries and the sick and the shut-ins and the minorities that in many parts of our country are the majorities. This is new territory for a Fellowship which has lived with its attention centered on a theological mentality and systematic theology as its core. We are looking at what we once scorned and ridiculed as the land of the liberal. We are not too certain in this new land and our road map is still a little blurry. Time will tell what it all means.

The Conference was not issue-oriented as it has been in the past. In fact, as we look back from the viewpoint of several weeks time, what we did *not* say or spend time with may tell us more than what we *did* say. Not much attention was given to the falling membership rolls or the largest expenditure of money over income in a single year in our history. We hardly noted the list of churches that have changed their names -- dropping the word "Brethren" and placing emphasis on the name "Grace". Finances and membership will have to wait for another day in the sun. We left the desert with a warm glow of a notable National Conference and a church that is going through sharp change.

That seems to be about it for the 1988 Conference. ☐

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(Top) The Marriott Desert Springs Resort where the conference was held. At lower left are three National WMC officers: (left to right) Mrs. Betty Ogden, president; Mrs. Margie Devan, past president; and Mrs. Lillian Beter, Literature Secretary. In the lower right corner (left to right) are Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, 1987-88 Moderator, and Dr. John I. Davis, 1988-89 Moderator. Photos by Charles W. Turner

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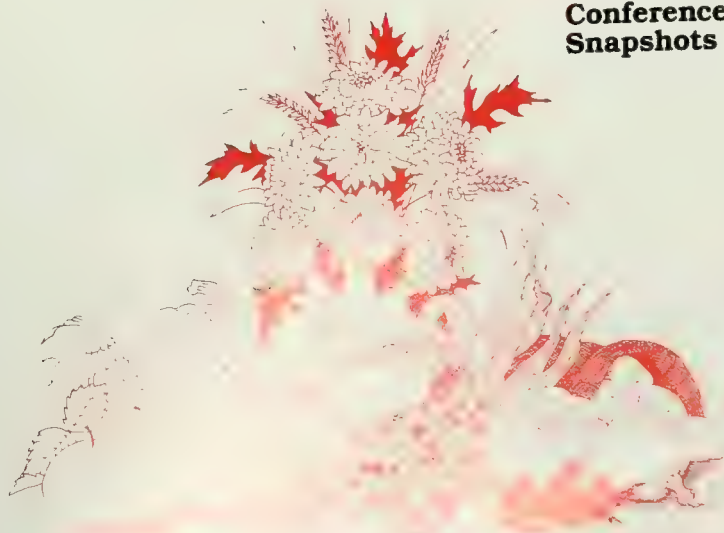
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A Time to Rest in Him

Lord, I'm tired. The worries of this day and the concerns about others have exhausted me. I feel like I am in the Autumn of my life and I should be experiencing Your harvest time. What does your Word have to say to me? Where is Your comfort?

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,"

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2

Lord, your Word says there is a time -- Your time -- for everything. Help me to remember that everything is in Your hands.

After the flood you gave Noah a promise, You said,

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and night will never cease."

Genesis 8:22

Lord, you have promised that as long as this earth endures, I will be able to look forward to your beautiful fall every year. I can count on it! I can look forward to seedtime and harvest each year. And you have given the plants an opportunity to rest in You each winter. They are promised this rest as long as the earth endures.

Just as you give the plants a rest, You have promised us rest.

Jesus said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

Even better than promising us rest, you have promised us leaves that will not wither.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord. and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

Psalms 1:1-3

Lord, help me to meditate on Your law day and night. Help me to avoid the counsel of the wicked and worldly, but find Your wisdom through Your Word. Thank you for promising that I will yield fruit in season.

Jesus said, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:1-5

Heavenly Father, thank You for pruning me so I can bear more fruit for You. Help me to remain in you as a vine entwines itself around a tree or fence, wrapped up in Your love, inseparable from You.

Thank You for the glorious fall, the beautiful colors, the quietness of footsteps on the fallen leaves. Thank You for the rest You will give to the trees this winter and the rest you have promised to us.

Help us to remember that as long as we abide in You, You will give us the rest we need and the fruitful ministry that will glorify You.

The Glory of God's Autumn

Raeann Hart

The bronze and golden leaves will fall gracefully to the ground. Where wind will toss them, children kick them, jump in them.

Grown ups will rake them, pile them, burn them.

And the fragrance will fill the air as a sweet smelling offering to You.

Lord, help my troubles to be like the leaves.

While I pray to you, let my worries fall gracefully to the ground. Where You will burn them.

Let the fragrance of their burning fill the air as a sweet smelling offering to You.

And, Lord, after I have given my problems to You, forgive me for trying to take them back again.



Remember this copy in the November 1987 Herald?

Join Me in Reading through the Bible this coming Year!

-- Charles W. Turner

It Is Now October 1988

I am pleased to tell you that at least 500 to 600 persons made the step to read through the Bible in 1988. I am also very happy to report that on September 30th I finished reading through the Bible. It was a delightful experience. Along the way we received many letters from persons who had completed their readings. Some of them finished back in April and May.

I am convinced the reading of the Word of God on a regular basis is one of the best ways to grow in the Christian life.

I set out to find another good method of having a reading program, and came across the **Daylight Devotional Bible**. It has a number of excellent features with 366 devotions suited for every occasion. The **Daylight Devotional Bible** has two reading programs, one for a complete reading of the Bible in a year. The other program enables you to read the Bible through in six months -- it highlights the outstanding chapters and is designed for the very busy person.



Incidentally, I had a new picture taken this year! This is how I look now. I feel better about telling you.

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Grace Schools News

Rev. Dick Honored

Reverend Paul Dick received special recognition at Grace Schools Convocation on September 2, 1988, at Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, IN. Rev. Dick retired from the schools' Board of Trustees in August of 1988 after 40 years of service. During that time, he served as Chairman of the Board for 10 years, from 1956 to 1966.

In addition to his service on the Board, Rev. Dick was pastor of the Winchester, VA, Grace Brethren Church for 40 years before retiring in 1981. In 1958 he was elected moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and has served on the Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors for 40 years. Since his retirement from the pastorate, he has served in various churches as an interim pastor and currently is Minister of Visitation at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN.

Results of Board Election

According to Dr. John J. Davis, President of Grace Schools, eight members of the Board of Trustees whose terms expired this year have been re-elected. Board members serve a three year term. The following men were re-elected to terms that will end in 1991: John Armstrong, Wooster, OH; Dr. Robert Boze, Berne, IN; Rev. Ronald Guiles, Ft. Worth, TX; Dr. Donald Hedrick, Whittier, CA; Richard Holmes, Smithville, OH; Thomas Horney, Middlebranch, OH; Rev. Clyde Landrum, Winona Lake, IN; and Rev. Jerry Young, Lititz, PA.

Dr. Richard Mayhue, Long Beach, CA, was newly elected to the Board of Trustees.

European Extension Graduates Three

Three students graduated last month with a Diploma in Biblical Studies from the seminary's European Extension in southern France. The seminary's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. David R. Plaster, presented the diplomas at ceremonies August 12.

The three are Valerie Franchi, from Rome, who is engaged in translating books and Christian education curricular materials for evangelical churches in Italy; Angel Jimenez, elder in a Madrid church; and Elizabeth Schmid, a Swiss medical doctor now serving with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions in the Central African Republic.

Belles' Summer Tour

The "Grace Belles" handbell choir from Grace College this year conducted its second concert tour of the country of Chile.

The three-week tour, which took place in late-May and early June, featured 47 concerts by the handbell choir at many locations, including schools, universities, and military installations.

Spreading the gospel, in written and musical form, is the main objective of the Belles' visits to South America, according to Mrs. Ethel Anderson, director of the handbell choir. Because of the unique form of music the group presents, she said, they have been able to appear and distribute New Testaments in several areas that have not been open to Christian missionaries.

The Belles presented concerts from Temuco in the south to La Serena, 700 miles to the north in the long, narrow country.



A group of students at one of the Belles' concerts.

Pastoral Advising Positions Open

Grace Seminary needs help on its Main Campus from successful pastors in the northern Indiana region. The new seminary curriculum emphasizes biweekly meetings between small groups of upper-level M.Div. students and successful pastors. The meetings will include fellowship and chapels, as well as classes dealing with discipling in the local church environment.

Contact with successful pastors is an essential element in the curriculum according to Prof. David R. Plaster, the seminary's vice president for academic affairs. He said that pastors wishing to take part in the process should have at least five years of experience and now hold the senior pastor position in a local church. Qualified pastors within reasonable driving distance of the seminary and who may be interested in applying for one of the pastoral advising positions should contact Prof. Plaster at 200 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

National WMC

President's Address

by Mrs. Fred W. Devan, Jr.

"Mount Climbing" has been our theme this past year as we have studied the very practical teachings of Jesus -- that being angry with a brother is a serious offense with consequences, that God won't accept our gifts if we have differences among ourselves, that we should be known for our truthfulness so that it isn't necessary for us to swear, that we should love those who hate and persecute us, that we should strive to be as perfect as it is possible for a redeemed sinner to be, since our Heavenly Father is perfect. He taught us how to pray, to lay up treasure in heaven, not on this earth, not to worry about our physical needs since our Heavenly Father knows our needs better than we do, not to criticize until we have first examined our own lives. He promised to hear and answer our prayers and assured us that our Heavenly Father enjoys giving us good gifts. This is just a sampling of the richness of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew tells us that *"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."* (Matt. 7:28, 29 NIV)

**We must come down and be busy
about the work
He has called us to do.**

When He came down from the mountain, crowds of people were waiting for Him and immediately they began to make demands upon Him. For the next three years, He was busy calling and training disciples, healing the sick, raising the dead, driving out demons and teaching about the Kingdom that is yet to come. He experienced great success as crowds came to hear Him teach and follow everywhere He went. He gave of Himself until He was physically and spiritually exhausted and had to take time away from the crowds to rest and pray.

He also experienced discouragement as when He visited Nazareth, his hometown, for the last time. The response there was, *"Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his*

sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, *"Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."* (Matt. 13:54-58 NIV)

He experienced discouragement at the murder of his cousin, John the Baptist, the exhilaration of riding into Jerusalem to the shouts of *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (Matt. 21:9 NIV) Yet as He experienced that triumphal entry, I'm sure He knew that very soon those same people would be shouting, *"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"*

Just as Jesus came down from the mountain-top to experience acceptance, discouragement, great popularity, and rejection, we as Christians will experience ups and downs in our lives. It's wonderful to stand on top of a mountain and look out over the vastness and beauty of God's creation, but we won't accomplish a lot for our Lord if we stay there. We must come down and be busy about the work He has called us to do. It won't be easy. There will be times when we will be physically and spiritually exhausted and like Jesus, we'll have to take time out to rest and pray. There will be times when we experience great success and acceptance by those we are working with, but those times may be followed by ones of great discouragement. It will be then that we learn to trust Him more.

In our Grace Brethren Fellowship, we have been greatly blessed by seeing God work through our ministries here and abroad. In a recent *Herald*, it thrilled my heart to read of the Filipino believer who burned all his household idols and worship relics, to see a picture of thirty-eight Japanese worshipping in a Grace Brethren Church, and to read how God is changing lives through Home Mission churches in Pennsylvania and Maine.

The telephone woke me one June morning. It was Tom Julien calling to tell me that there was an urgent need for prayer. Ibrahim, a Moslem believer in the CAR, had been captured by his former associates and they were threatening to poison him unless he removed his faith in Christ. I promised to pray and spread the word so that others could join in prayer for this Christian brother. A few minutes later I was downstairs with my *Annual* in hand ready to begin making

telephone calls. The thought came to me that I must have dreamed it. Things like this don't happen today. As I told this story on the phone to WMC officers, pastors, and Christian friends, cold chills came over me. Unfortunately, things like this do happen. What a thrill it was to hear a week later that God had protected this man and he was back home with his family. We have a God who hears and answers our prayers.

There are some critical needs before us today. Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grace Schools, and Grace Brethren Boys are all facing financial crises. We need to come boldly before the throne of God and trust Him to meet those needs. We also need to give sacrificially so that these needs can be met and these wonderful programs can continue. We must remember the words of Jesus, "Ask and it shall be given you." (Matt. 7:7) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . ." (Matt. 6:19, 20)

As WMC women, we have much to praise the Lord for. I wish all of you could be present in our National Board meeting preceding Conference and hear the reports of District Presidents as they tell of the many, many projects that WMC councils have completed during the year. Much has also been accomplished on District and National levels. Thanks to each of you for your faithfulness to the Lord in supporting our home and foreign missionaries, the Navajo mission, Grace Schools, our Christian Education Department, SMM, your district camps and local churches. I am sure that only in eternity will we know the full impact of these ministries.

In the coming year, a new challenge is before us - "Getting It All Together -- Growing Up In Him". Grace Brethren devotional and missions writers will challenge us to spiritual growth. The format will be a bit different and I think you will enjoy the change. Our program committee is working very hard to give us excellent materials to work with. Please use their suggestions, but make it fit the needs and abilities of your ladies.

I pray that when we meet together next year, because of the blessings as well as the

discouragements that have come our way, we will be more like our Lord, and will have "grown up" in Him.

This conference brings to a close a chapter of my life. It has been my joy the past several years to serve as District President, National Secretary and National President. There have been times of disappointment, frustration and discouragement, but they have been far outweighed by the ways that I have seen the Lord work and bless and meet needs. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you and fellowshiping with you either by letter or in person. I have enjoyed working with the other National officers and District Presidents. They have been an encouragement to me. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way. My life has been richer because of it.



Mrs. Fred Devan Jr. (Margie), National WMC President, originally from Roanoke, Virginia is now pastor's wife of the GBC in Clearbrook, Virginia. A Grace College graduate, she has taught in public and private schools in Roanoke, Virginia and Warsaw, Indiana, and at the Grace Brethren School of Temple Hills, Maryland.

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The Power of a Lay Ministry

by A. Ford Madison

I am convinced of the power of the lay person in ministry. It was through a lay person that I was reached for Christ.

In 1955, after moving from west Texas to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in order to go into business for myself, my wife, Barbara, and I started attending one of the downtown churches. We chose that church because our children didn't cry when we left them at the nursery!

Barbara and I figured that the answer to happiness in life was to be independently wealthy. Then we met Lt. Col. Jo-Jo White, the president of our Sunday school class who had played football at Texas A&M, the school I too had attended.

He had a quality to his life that was attractive to me. He openly identified himself with Christ, and he seemed to have a grip on real happiness. One day after class I told him, "There must be something here; everybody seems to be excited. But there must be something I'm not seeing."

**"I'm not adequate, but God is.
I can't do it, but He can!"**

So Jo-Jo started coming to our home once a week for a Bible study. I would argue with him, but he'd just reply, "Let's look in the Scriptures and see what they say."

Over several months of studying the Bible, I started to change from the inside out. I realized that being a Christian was not what I could do, but what had been done for me in Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection. I learned that I needed a relationship with Him.

I don't remember the exact time I crossed the line, but based on the evidence in my changing life, I knew I had experienced a spiritual rebirth.

Six months later, after attending a Christian conference, Barbara invited Christ into her life. From then on, our family and our business changed dramatically. We have been growing ever since.

We read in 2 Corinthians 3:5: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (KJV) I discovered that Christian maturity comes not by independence from God, but by growing more and more dependent on Him and His indwelling presence. I'm not adequate, but God is. I can't do it, but He can!

Over the years Barbara and I have been

involved in personal evangelism and small group Bible studies. Barbara's primary affinity group is her tennis league. She and three of her Christian friends in the group pray for the other women and plan different events to present the Gospel to their friends.

On Wednesday mornings a small Bible study group meets in my office. It is comprised mostly of my friends in business. Regularly the Lord brings me into contact with people who need Him. I look for opportunities to build relationships with them and to share the Good News.

Seeing the miracle of a 180-degree change that Christ brings to a person's life gives me great joy. I think of a man I worked for in Nicaragua who in those days carried a pistol; now he carries a Bible.

I also think of an attorney who was so private that he once wrote his personal philosophy and hid it in the bottom drawer of his file cabinet and wouldn't let his wife or anyone else know what his real thoughts were. Today he's open with his beliefs and leads retreats for married couples and small groups.

This vision of helping ordinary men and women to follow Christ in daily life and to be fruitful for Him has broadened as I have been to different regions in the world where the Christian faith seems to be growing the fastest.

As senior associate for the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, I have been visiting the 15 countries of the world where the Christian faith is growing the fastest, because Dr. C. Peter Wagner has said that the leadership in the fastest-growing countries is not clergy-centered but lay led. Our effort is to learn from them things that might help lay people in the United States and in other countries to function for Christ.

Four observations common to the countries I visited in Latin America are: **God is working in the midst of social discomfort and upheaval; God is using the practice of principles such as prayer, Bible study, unity, integrity and faith; God is honoring a clear presentation of the message of the cross; and God is working through available messengers in the culture especially the laity.**

One of the reasons lay people in Latin America are so effective is that they are in contact with those who need to hear the Gospel. Too often, people might know something about the good seed know something of the Creator of the seed, but they are not in contact with the soil where the seed needs to be planted.



While I was in Peru, I met a missionary with the Assemblies of God. His passion is to help others reach the unreached. He said that when he visits the United States, he notes how Christians tend to talk about side issues. But "in Peru," he said, "we do not have the luxury of secondary issues." Then he told me of the assassination of 40 Assemblies of God pastors in his country.

God has a ministry for everyone.

I don't want to be distracted but to focus on whether people know Christ or don't know Him. I don't want to be trapped in a Christian subculture that is insulated from hurting, unbelieving people who desperately need to understand the grace of God.

Lay people can make a significant impact worldwide for Christ by heading overseas as modern-day tentmakers. Missiologists say that by the year 2000, 86 percent of the unbelieving people in the world will be in access-restricted nations where traditional missionaries cannot go.

I believe that one of the mission strategies we need is for lay people to use their professions, their business credentials and other skills as their passports to enter these access-restricted nations. There, on a one-to-one basis, they can present the Gospel and make disciples. In this way, every believer has the potential to help change the world.

God has a ministry for everyone. He has endowed each of us with natural abilities and spiritual gifts, and He wants to use us if we are available to Him.

We read in Ephesians 4:11-13: "It was he

gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (NIV)

These verses teach that, while God has placed specially gifted people in the Body to equip ordinary believers to do the work of the ministry, we as laymen and laywomen are the ones responsible for doing the ministry.

Another passage of Scripture that crystalizes for me the definition of ministry is 2 Corinthians 5. We read that God has given to us "the ministry of reconciliation." Then, God has given to us "the message of reconciliation." And, finally, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors." I call these the three m's -- the ministry, the message, and we're the method. They're all attached to "anyone . . . in Christ."

My most productive time in ministry has been investing myself one-to-one in a few individuals who are able to go out and be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. To me this is the highest form of spiritual activity.

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The greatest thing that happened to me this week is that I'll stop giving in to peer pressure and help others do the same. I would like to tell others about God.

I'm going to try to get my priorities straight and go to church and participate more in our youth group.

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I would like to be a more positive influence on my friends.

Start ministering to my friends about God and let God shine through me.

Invite my neighbors to church and witness to them. Study and know the Bible better.

I plan to get more involved in my youth group and I want to get along better with my friends. I also want to start sharing my faith.

I need to work on family and friend relationships, and I really want to try to get involved in youth group more and stick to it. Please pray for me because I can't do it by myself.

I want to improve my impact for Christ in school.

Set an example of a Christian in the Navy. Be public about my commitment to Christ. Daily devotions and prayer time. Know exactly what I stand for (doctrine).

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I plan to start a church band.

Get my mom and brother saved. Make myself more committed to God.

To start and continue a devotional program and get involved in discipleship.

To be a better spiritual leader in my youth group and in school.

I will witness more and not be a bad influence to others. I will stop things that are stumbling blocks to others. I will love those who hurt me.

I want to join Operation Barnabas next year and then go as a missionary to France. I also need to have a loving attitude.

Desire to spend more time in God's Word. Closer relationships.

Submit to God; go anywhere He is leading.

I accepted Christ into my heart. I've

decided to stay on the right side of the path because in the end I know I want eternal life with God.

To become more of an encouragement to all people. To really reach out to those that aren't so involved. And to love them no matter how they look or act.

To love my parents as much as possible.

I'm going to get rid of my bitterness and anger toward certain people in the youth group.

To let go of friends and self as things to depend on for strength and let God take over totally.

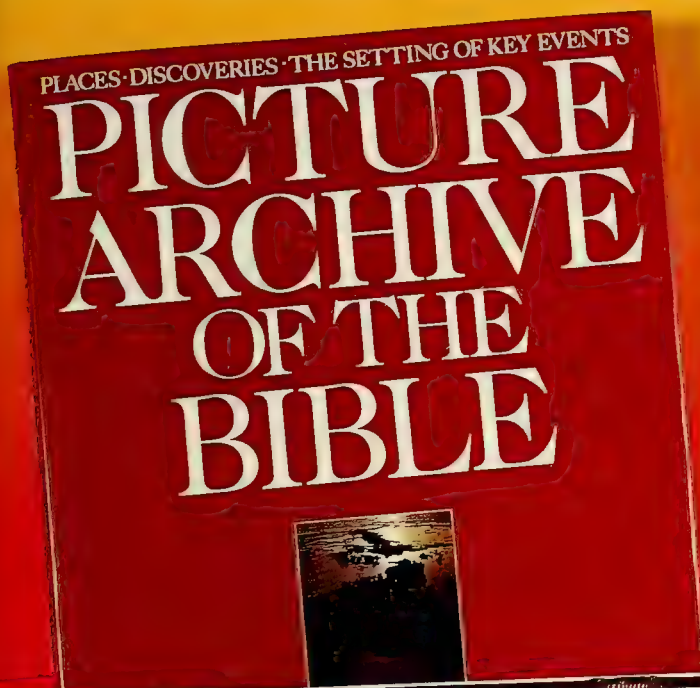
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As the result of prayer, hard work, financial backing and the care and concern of a group of loving Christians, Agnes Bracker now lives in a new home.

On February 18, 1987, Pastor Gordon W. Bracker went to be with the Lord. He left behind his wife, Agnes, and four children. Pastor Bracker was a 1945 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and had served the Lord faithfully in five congregations of the Grace Brethren Church. The Brackers pastored in Cleveland, OH from 1945-1947; Kittanning, PA from 1947-1954; Fremont, OH from 1954-1959; Elkhart, IN from 1959-1972 and Osceola, IN from 1972-1984.

When Pastor Bracker retired in 1984, the Brackers needed to find a home of their own as the church had always provided a parsonage for them. The Brackers bought a home in Winona Lake, IN. After his death, Mrs. Bracker wanted to return to Osceola to be near her family, community and church. Unfortunately, there was almost no equity in her home.

The Osceola Grace Brethren Church came to the rescue. Pastor Keith Shearer felt the church had a responsibility for Agnes Bracker's welfare. The seeds were planted. Through meetings with the

Elder Board and her family, the financial arrangements were made. It was more important to Agnes' family that she be provided for and be able to continue her ministry than that they have an inheritance, so their portion was given to the fund. The family of the GBC would raise the remainder. After much prayer and work, the money came in. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Sunday, November 8, 1987. The house is now complete and Mrs. Bracker is in residence.

Agnes Bracker is an energetic woman with a warm smile and a zest for life. She is thrilled to know her friends and family care so much for her. Her home will be used to the fullest for the Lord's work, such as Bible studies on the screened-in back porch, and provides a place to come home to when her children come to visit or return from the mission field.

Agnes and Gordon had a special Bible verse which they chose many years ago, even before the Lord called them into full time ministry. Psalm 32:8 states, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." Mrs. Bracker has felt the truth of this verse through the loving care of the members of the Osceola Grace Brethren Church.

Agnes Bracker planting flowers around her new home, the Gordon Bracker Memorial Residence.

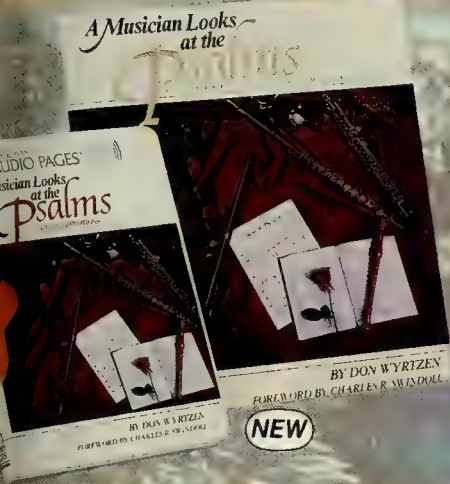


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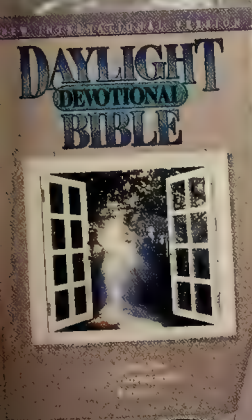
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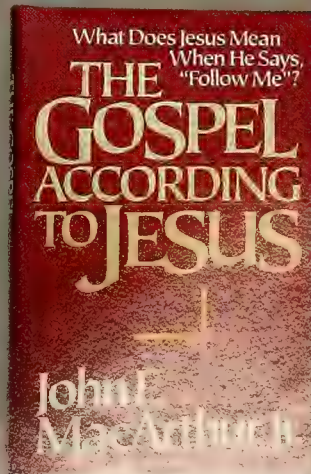
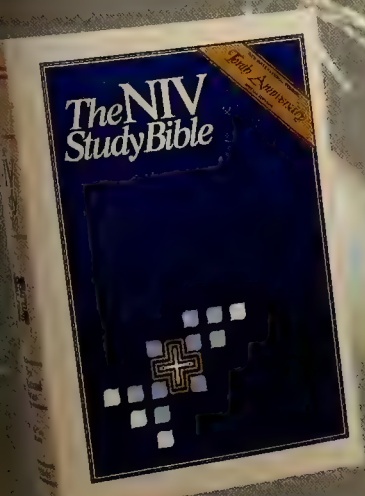
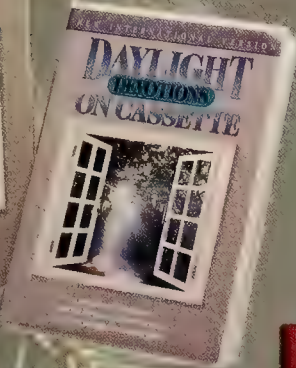
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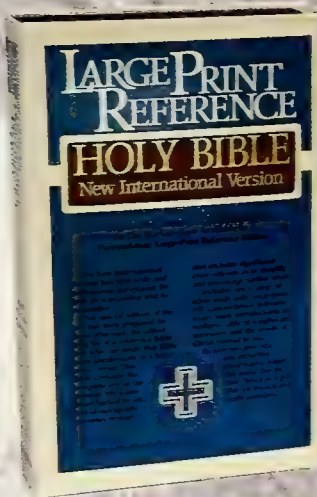
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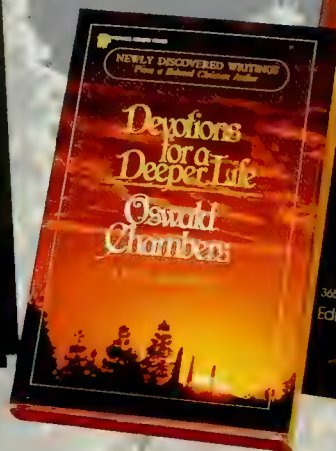
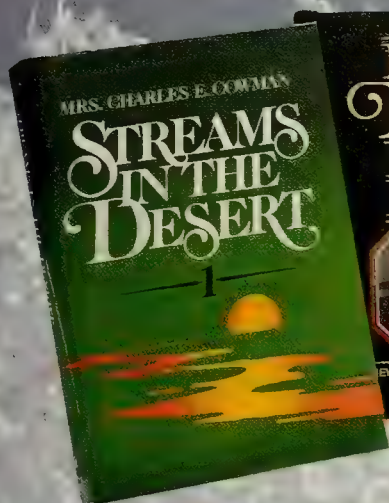
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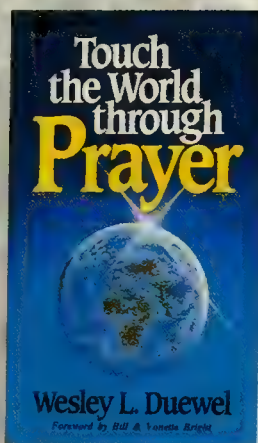
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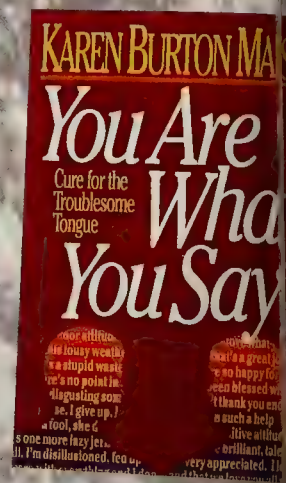
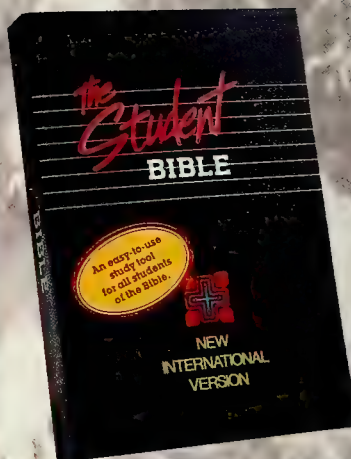
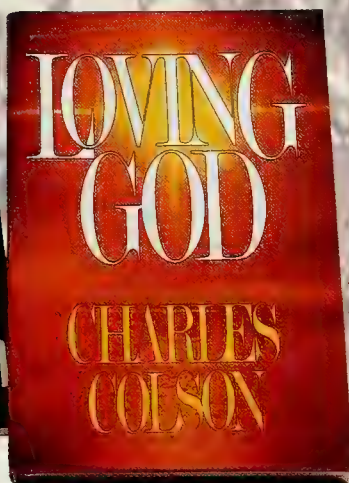


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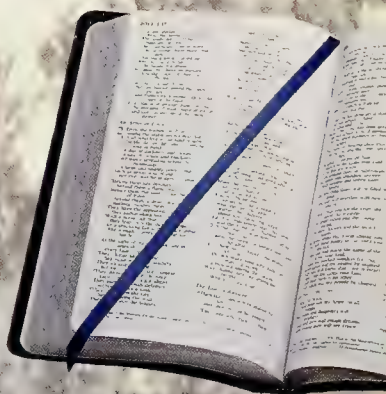
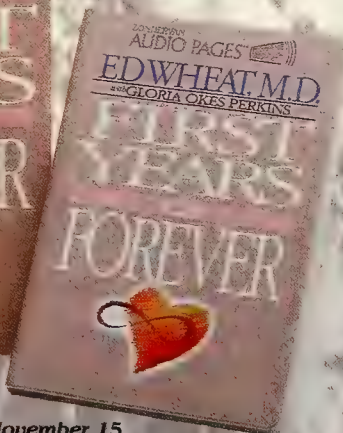
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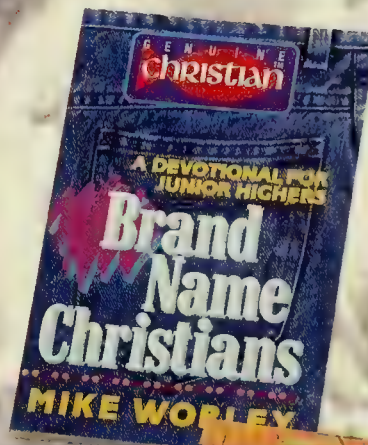
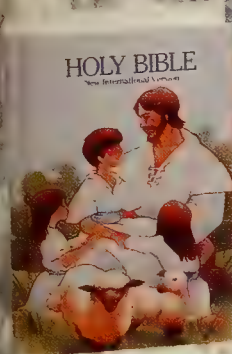
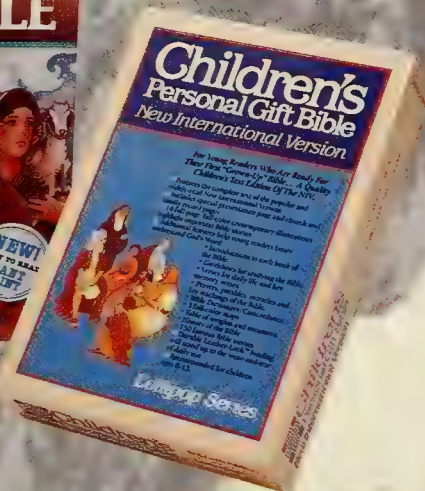
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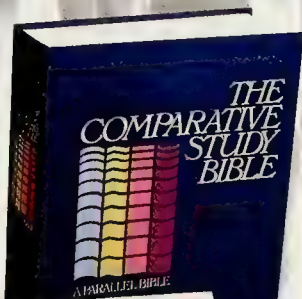
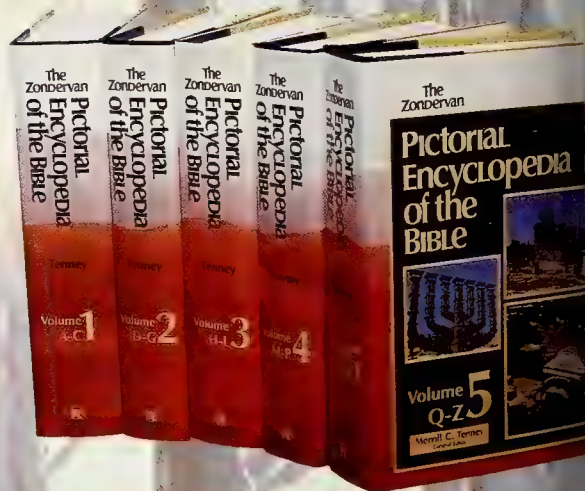
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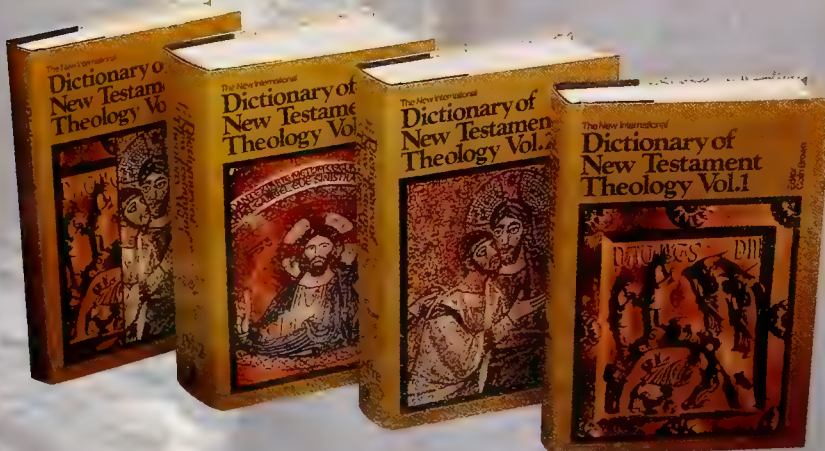
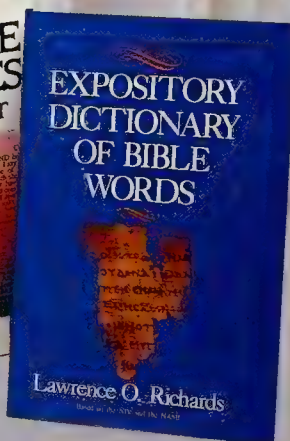
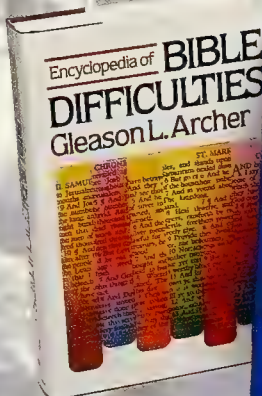
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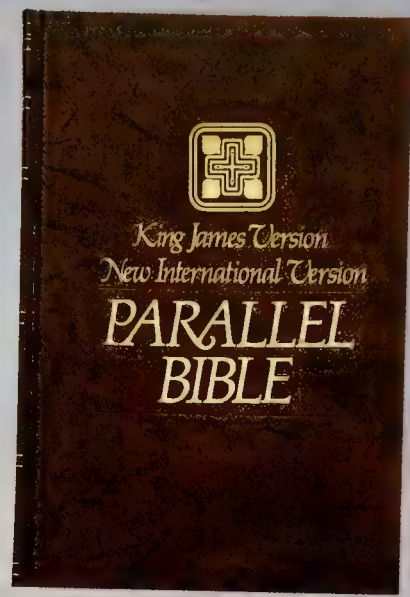
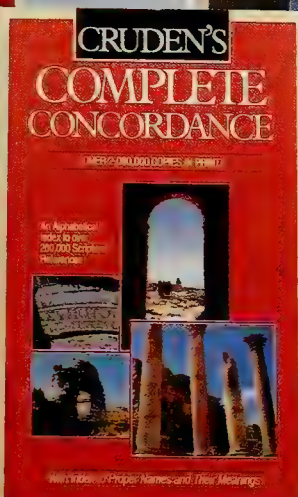
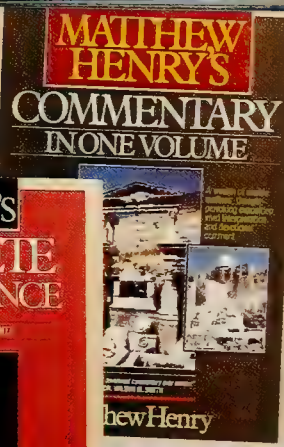
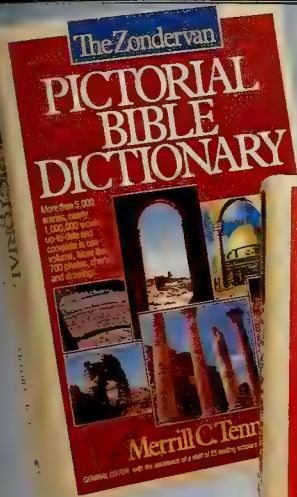
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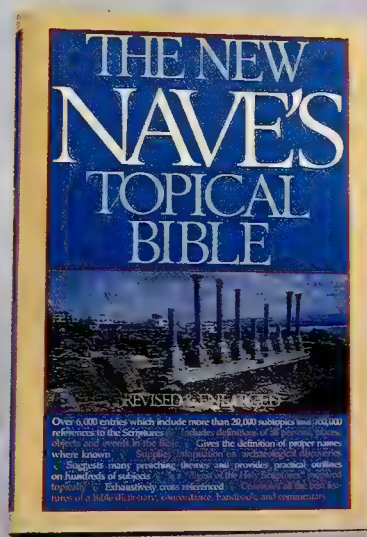
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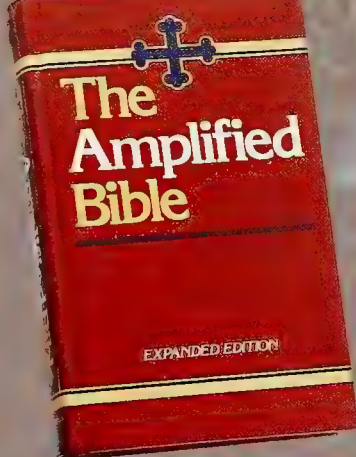
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"A CHURCH WITH A HEALING HEART"



AIDS

and the Buena Vista First Brethren Church

by Ann (Teel) Wharton

AIDS has stalked into the Buena Vista, Virginia, First Brethren Church in the person of one faithful Christian woman who had a questionable blood transfusion at the wrong place and at the wrong time.

In this particular case, Wanda Moore is a longtime church member in good standing. What if she had been a needy person off the streets? What if she had been a repentant drug addict with AIDS? Or a repentant homosexual? What would the church's reaction have been then?

Pastor Mick Rockafellow isn't sure, but he knows one thing: individual churches need to face the issue before an AIDS victim walks through the door. Both he and Wanda believe one of the most crucial steps is education.

Rockafellow recommends that pastors and church boards obtain literature from physicians and public service agencies like the American Red Cross. He does not feel that the Surgeon General's booklet which was mass mailed to American homes is detailed enough to act as a primary source.

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The leaders also need to understand what AIDS is and what the victim and those concerned about him can expect. Most important is knowledge of the three stages of AIDS. In the first stage the blood test shows that the AIDS virus (HIV) is present in the blood stream. If it develops into the second stage, the victim is plagued with AIDS-related complications like chronic diarrhea, yeast infections, dry mouth and throat, swollen glands, and sensitivity to the sun. Wanda was recently hospitalized because she was dehydrated from chronic diarrhea.

Finally, the AIDS becomes full blown. Although her doctor hasn't diagnosed her as in the final stage,



Wanda and Wendy Moore

she explained: "I might have two days to live; I might have two years. That's the way it is with AIDS. You just don't know."

Beyond education, Pastor Rockafellow outlined a number of positive steps pastors can take to help the situation. "You really have to be sensitive to the individual and the impact on the whole family. It's a tough stigma for the family to live with. "My sister has AIDS.' Even 'We have an AIDS victim in the church' -- that's hard to say," he explained.

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One critical need is for honesty and open communication. Wanda's family had difficulty in accepting the devastation of the disease. They couldn't understand why the doctor couldn't help in some way. "Wouldn't exercise or better diet help you?" they'd ask. On the other hand, Wanda didn't want

to burden her family with her symptoms and problems. So she often glossed over them.

Finally, Rockafellow was able to arrange a meeting with Wanda, her family, the doctor, and himself. "The meeting was the turning point probably for all of them -- even Wanda," Rockafellow commented. Wanda's family could tell that her doctor really cared. Now they understand just what she faces.

Because of this experience he also recommends a close working relationship with the medical personnel involved in the case.

Finally, leaders should develop a plan before the church is faced with an AIDS patient. Will a child with AIDS be allowed to attend Sunday School class? That's an especially difficult question.

The Buena Vista church doesn't have a concrete plan yet. "It's all new ground," Pastor Rockafellow said. "The main thing is that honesty is absolutely essential."

In this Virginia church the official board, the deacons, and others have discussed how such cases should be handled. They have decided what they're going to do about Wanda Moore. They've made their commitment to her, but they don't know what it's going to cost.

Should the pastor preach about it from the pulpit? Rockafellow hasn't written such a sermon. "You have to think about how the family would feel," he said. And some in the church aren't even aware of her condition.

On the other hand, Wanda was conscious of how some members felt if she missed church or had to leave the sanctuary during a service. "Some were concerned about how I was handling everything," she said. But she's sure about how she feels. "We all have to die some way," she said. "I'm just going to die a little different from most."

Practical help has come from members of the Junior WMC. First, they took food in because Wanda couldn't shop. Now they take in prepared meals at least once a week. And the church has provided some financial aid. She appreciates all of it.

What about the next victim? Rockafellow is studying and praying. He pointed to a copy of the Spring 1988 *Leadership* magazine and flipped it open to a particular article: "AIDS Policy: Two churches search." Articles like that help give direction, he said.

"It's the Lord. It is He who has given me strength."

What's the personal testimony of Wanda Moore? What of this 39-year-old woman who grew up in the Brethren church, who served for years in Sunday School as a district patroness, and who has poured her life into the lives of young people?

She's no martyr, but she gives the credit to the tremendous help of the Lord. Faced with the first news that her blood showed the AIDS virus in August of 1985, she admits she went to pieces. The irony is that there is a legitimate question concerning whether or not she even needed the blood. Six months later the surgeon informed her that the routine check of blood kept by the hospital showed that her blood contained the virus. She was asked to come in for another blood test. "I was just petrified to know that I had gotten a unit of blood that had been contaminated."

The tests confirmed that she was carrying the virus. "I had to accept the fact that I had the AIDS virus. But since my daughter Wendy was little, I've always had a good close relationship with the Lord," she explained. After the initial shock of it all, she gradually came to terms with her situation.

She's faced the overwhelming question: Will there be enough money to take care of her? As a single parent, she has also faced others: What will happen to Wendy? Will there be enough money for her to enter college this year and complete a four-year program? She is sorry she'll miss seeing her grandchildren. "You wonder, you know," she said simply.

"I don't worry," she stated positively. "That's one thing the Lord has given me: peace. He says not to worry about tomorrow. I won't allow myself to worry."

One critical need is for honesty and open communication

For now she and Wendy have their own apartment, and that's a bright spot. "I vowed that this house would be open to anybody Wendy wanted to bring here. Now, even now, I have a lot of unsaved teenagers here in the evening."

Pastor Rockafellow has found them there when he has visited after the dinner hour. "A number of them come just to be with her, sit with her, watch television with her," he said. In turn, she shares her faith with them.

She starts each day with the Lord. "I pray, 'Lord, you have given me another day.'" She especially likes II Corinthians 12:7-10 and I Thessalonians 5:16-18 in the New International Version. She paraphrases. "We are the strongest when we are the weakest. I am stronger now than I've ever been in the Lord," she adds. "God's grace has supplied everything for me."

So many people say, "I just don't understand." You've never been bitter. But it's just the Lord. I always try to tell them, "It's the Lord. He is He who has given me strength." His main resource has been the Buena Vista church in Virginia, First Brethren Church. ■

Thanks to Faithful Friends of the Mission

Navajo Teens Attend BNYC

by Dino Butler

Like sore-muscle athletes, the passengers climbed out of the old bus. Weary of travel and fitful sleep, they were glad to be home again in their quiet community. But for some, their hearts and minds had been forever changed by their trip.

Disembarking from the age-worn vehicle that bright Saturday morning at Counselor, NM were 25 Navajo young people and staff from Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries. They had traveled more than 900 miles to sunny southern California to attend the 50th anniversary Brethren National Youth Conference at Biola University in LaMirada.

It was an encouraging trip. One Navajo girl accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Others made commitments of their lives to Christ.

This marked the first time a group of Navajo young people this large had attended BNYC. Such an endeavor had often been considered, but no one took the preliminary steps necessary to send those who wanted to go.

Twenty-five people traveled nearly 900 miles from New Mexico to California to attend.

The idea began with three students at Grace Brethren Navajo High School: Janette Juday, Edward Suina, and Roland Castillo. Janette, the daughter of BNM teachers John and Donna Juday, attended Youth Conference in 1987 at Salisbury, MD. Her desire to attend the conference again influenced her two friends. Their enthusiasm for the project spread to other students and soon 12 Navajo teens were making plans to raise money to finance their trip.

Unknown to the students, Daron Butler, Navajo student at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN, was doing a bit of his own fund raising. Recognizing the value of helping his fellow Navajos attend the conference, he worked with Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries director Rev. Larry Wedertz and the staff at Grace Brethren Home Missions. Letters were sent to Grace Brethren people around the country, alerting them of the high schoolers' desire and the need for funds.

The response was tremendous. More than \$22,000 was raised toward the project, enabling



the high school group to set aside funds for a trip back to California this fall to attend the Bil Gothard Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts. In addition, a number of post-high students were invited to join the trek to Brethren National Youth Conference to participate in the newly-formed Twenties program.

Funds raised by the Navajo youth themselves through car washes and basketball tournaments totaled nearly \$600. These monies were used toward the teens' travel expenses to the conference.

The Navajo youth had high expectations for the week. Yet, most surprising was the realization of the number of American young people who are genuinely excited about Jesus Christ. Speakers communicated the urgency that faithful, committed Christians should have in a dying world and the Navajo teens were challenged to "Turn the Tide" in their own community.

The faithful contributions and prayers of hundreds made this dream possible.

Staff at the Mission feel the trip was a success, not only because one girl accepted Christ, but because the eyes of others were opened to the opportunities available to them. Attending the conference would not have been possible without the faithful contributions and prayers of hundreds of Grace Brethren people. Their gifts enabled the Navajo teens to experience the vitality and excitement of serving God and to be challenged to be equipped to better serve Him.

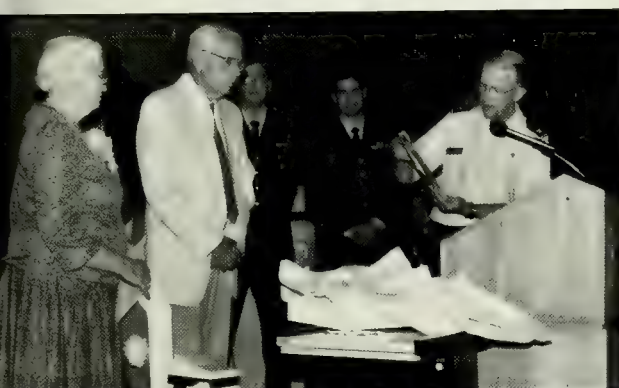


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Home Missions Conference Review



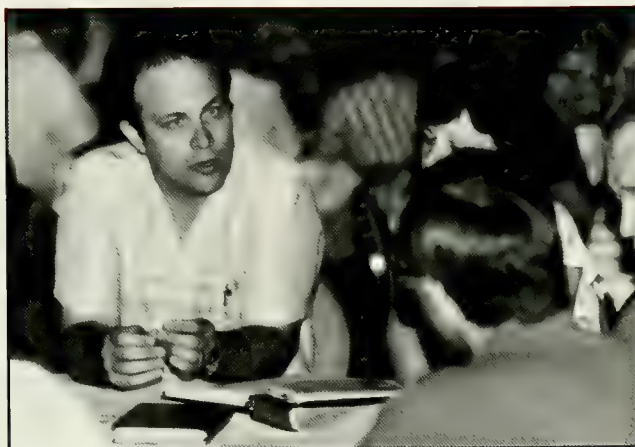
Grace Brethren military chaplains present at conference included (front, left to right) Lt. Col. James T. Elwell (USAF); Cdr. G. James Dickson (USN); Capt. Charles Card (USA); (back, left to right) Major John Patrick (USA); Lt. Dayne Nix (USN); Capt Ben Collins (USA); and Col. John Schumacher (USA).



Chaplain John Schumacher presents a commemorative plate from the Grace Brethren chaplains to retiring Endorsing Agent Donald F. Carter. The plate recognizes the years of service Carter, a retired Army chaplain, gave to the Fellowship as endorsing agent.



Larry N. Chamberlain, assistant executive director of Grace Brethren Home Missions, presents Don Carter, retiring FGBC endorsing agent, with the first Eagle Commission pin. The Eagle Commission is a program of financial and prayer support for Grace Brethren chaplains worldwide and is sponsored by Grace Brethren Home Missions. Don's wife, Dorothy, looks on.



Roundtable discussions were a vital part of the annual Home Mission pastor's conference July 29 and 30 at Palm Desert, CA. Mike Wallace, pastor of the Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church, Pine Grove, PA, shares an idea with others at his table.



Rick Warren, pastor of the fast-growing Saddleback Valley Community Church in Mission Viejo, CA, stretched the thinking of many Grace Brethren pastors during the Home Missions workshops at Marriott's Desert Springs Resort, Palm Desert, CA.



An historic meeting of Grace Brethren individuals involved in ethnic ministries in the United States took place July 28 at a Palm Desert restaurant. Representatives of Black, Navajo, Hispanic, and Oriental ministries from the fellowship met to discuss their work. Here, Jay Bell, missions pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, CA; Bob Fetterhoff, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, OH, also a member of the GBHMC board of directors; and Vek Huong Taing, pastor of the Grace Cambodian Church in Long Beach share experiences.

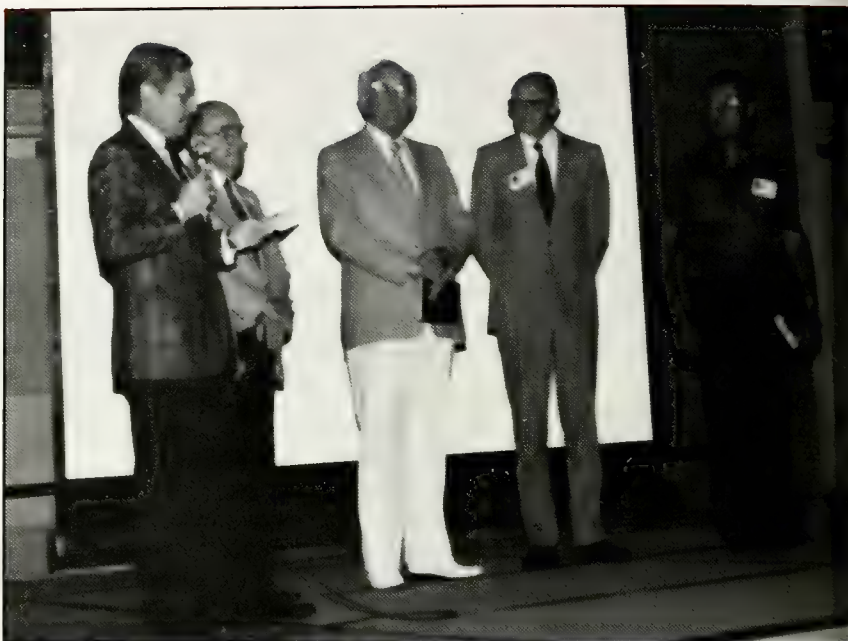
GBIF Returns Investments

The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation had a good year, Luke E. Kauffman, president of the GBIF board of directors, told the annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Sunday afternoon during the missions rally.

Calling to the platform, the directors of three organizations -- Robert W. Thompson of Grace Brethren Home Missions, Larry Wedertz of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, and Tom Julien of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions he presented checks to each of them totaling \$45,000.

"This week at the board of directors meeting, with enthusiasm and with a unanimous opinion, they asked me to do something for them and for you, the Fellowship," Kauffman said. He explained that the reserve funds invested by the Foundation have earned a good rate of return and that the board wanted to share those blessings with the three boards.

He presented Thompson and Julien each checks for \$15,000 to cover expenses of home and foreign missionaries at the conference. To Wedertz, he gave an identical check to liquidate remaining expenses on capital projects at the Navajo Mission.



Rev. Luke E. Kauffman, president of the GBIF board of directors (left), presents checks totaling \$45,000 to Bob Thompson, of Grace Brethren Home Missions (center), Tom Julien, of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions (second from right), and Larry Wedertz, of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries (right). Looking on is Walter Fretz, director of the GBIF.

Kauffman expressed his appreciation to Grace Brethren people around the nation who have placed their funds in the Foundation to be used in the Lord's work. Deposits now total more than \$18 million.

New Mission Fields Approved

Three new home mission fields were approved by the board of directors of Grace Brethren Home Missions during their summer meeting at Palm Desert, CA. Financial support to a new Hispanic ministry in the Yakima Valley area of Washington and two unique team church planting efforts: one in the Moreno Valley area in southern California and the other in greater Cleveland, Ohio, were approved.

The Hispanic ministry will be led by Abner Solano, Nicaraguan pastor with a commitment to reach the Spanish-speaking people in the Yakima Valley. It is an effort which is in conjunction with the Northwest District of Grace Brethren Churches.

In Southern California, Grace Brethren Home Missions is teaming with the local district and the

Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, to plant a new church in the rapidly growing area south of Riverside and about two hours east of metropolitan Los Angeles-Long Beach. Chris Suitt and Mike Smith, current staff members at the Long Beach church, will be relocating to the area to begin the new work.

Joe Consentino, a recent Grace Seminary graduate, has moved to the Cleveland area to work with Pastor Ron Boehm at the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church in Macedonia, which is currently a Home Mission point. Consentino is gaining valuable church planting experience while surveying the area to begin another Home Mission ministry, either in nearby North Royalton or Willoughby. This is exciting -- one home mission point begetting another!



The Eagle Commission

Strengthening the Ministry of Grace Brethren Chaplains

Encouraging and exciting. Those are the words Chaplain John Schumacher (Col.) U.S. Army used to describe the Eagle Commission when it was unveiled during national conference.

Each of the seven military chaplains present at conference were also introduced.

The Eagle Commission is designed by Grace Brethren Home Missions to be a strategic link between Grace Brethren people and our chaplaincy ministry. It is a corps of men and women who will commit themselves to pray for our chaplains and financially support this new ministry. Each member will receive information on the ministries, activities, and families of our military Chaplains, as well as their stations of duty at home and around the world. Members will also receive an official Certificate of Membership and a commemorative pin.

Home Missions recently began overseeing the chaplaincy ministry in cooperation with the

Fellowship Council. As part of the program, the newly-named FGBC endorsing agent, Chaplain (CDR) C. L. Jenkins (CHC), U.S. Navy, Retired, will have an office located in the Missions building.

Grace Brethren Home Missions is excited about the opportunity to support our chaplains who minister on American military bases worldwide. It is compatible with Home Missions' objectives -- to see fellow Americans accept Christ, be disciplined in His Word, and make Him an active part of their lives.

Individuals may become a part of the Eagle Commission for a contribution of only \$15 a month. Funds raised will be used toward the office and travel expenses of the endorsing agent, regular communications with military personnel, prayer letters to members, continuing chaplains' education at Grace Brethren workshops, and chaplains' expenses at the annual Grace Brethren conference.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Young, United States Army Reserve, introduces Chaplain (Col.) John Schumacher during the Missions Rally. Looking on are other Grace Brethren Chaplains (Major) John Patrick, (Capt.) Ben Collins, (Capt.) Charles Card, all U.S. Army, (Cdr.) Jim Dickson and (Lt. Cdr.) Dayne Elx, both U.S. Navy, (Lt. Col.) James Elwell, U.S. Air Force, and retired chaplains Don Carter and Orville Lorenz.

A Heart to Challenge the World

Conference Update

Toppling the Record

Loree Sickel, 91 and GBFM's most mature missionary, was among 58 active and retired missionaries who attended National Conference in Palm Desert, California. A record attendance of missionaries for any national conference in GBFM's history, 1988 was a year in which missionary representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Central African Republic, England, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, and Spain shared their "Heart to Change the World."



Loree Sickel

Teamwork at its Best



Tom Julien

How does one express appreciation for a \$15,000 gift?

Tom Julien, Executive Director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, was speechless on July 31, at Palm Desert, California, when Luke Kauffman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Brethren Investment Foundation, presented him with a check for \$15,000 to cover the

costs of sending missionaries to national conference.

Said Luke, "This week at the Board of Directors meeting with enthusiasm and with a unanimous opinion, they asked me to do something for them and for you, the Grace Brethren Fellowship."

"Tom, we know that you've had tremendous costs this year at GBFM and one of those costs was to get your missionaries to this convention. We believe that our fellowship wants us to give to your organization, our organization, GBFM, a gift of \$15,000 to care for some of those expenses."

He went on to explain that they were able to do that because 18 million dollars in investments had drawn good interest rates in 1987 and that there was "not one draw on any of those reserves because of bad debts."

Amidst sighs, tears, and smiles from the audience, Tom Julien uttered the only word that he could to express his appreciation, "Thanks."

Seven Commissioned For Missionary Service

On Sunday, July 31, seven appointees were commissioned into missionary service with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. They were: Roy Angle, England; Martin and Kristy Guereña, Mexico; Tom and Laura Hickey, France; and Greg and Cheryl Shipley, England.



Roy Angle, Cheryl and Greg Shipley

Before the actual laying on of hands, each missionary was charged by a close friend. Said Mike and Margie Brubaker of the Philadelphia First Grace Brethren Church to Greg and Cheryl Shipley, "... always keep your spiritual life a priority and never let the mission work prevent you from prayer, worship and reading the Word of God ... have a flexible spirit ... when dealing with pressure and people, have a tough hide and a tender heart and never reverse the two ... Never, never, never give up."

The Shipleys have raised \$23,650 of their \$43,000 support level. They will be able to leave for England as soon as this is promised. Until that time, the Shipleys are living in Philadelphia and are continuing to gain prayer and financial support.



Tom & Laura Hickey

"Be careful not to rely on your fellow workers, upon GBFM, upon your supporting cast of pastors and churches, and especially upon yourself for your strength. These will fail you, but Christ and His grace is yours wherever and forever ..."

Roy was the featured

Wayne Hannah, pastor of the Richmond, Virginia GBC and a member of the European Committee of the GBFM Board of Trustees, told Roy Angle, "Roy, don't ever forget that success in ministry is not measured by statistics. It is proven through faith through spiritual stamina and through obedience. The power and sufficiency of the Word of God is all you need."



Kristy & Martin Guereña

quest at a sendoff service in Waynesboro, PA. Roy hopes to leave for England at the end of October.

Doris Julien, pioneer missionary to France, challenged Tom and Laura Hickey with these words, "Tom and Laura, work as a team. Be flexible when the unexpected happens. Use your home to show concern and love. Be positive with your children about the ministry and French people. Maintain healthy relationships with your team-members. And remember, that the work is God's and that things happen only through prayer . . ."

The Hickeys have received \$17,000 of their \$45,000 support level. They cannot leave for language school until this has been promised. Until that time, Tom has been named Missionary in Residence at Grace College and Theological Seminary for the 1988-89 school year. The Hickeys' top priority remains to visit churches to gain prayer and financial support.

Phil Gueren, pastor and former GBFM missionary, shared one of the most important things he has learned in the ministry with his son and daughter-in-law, 2 Tim. 2:2. "I consider this the main thrust of my ministry . . . literally pouring myself out and investing many hours in lives of other men who will do the same with their converts. I pray for them and with them. It is my hope that you'll be thoroughly convinced of giving up your lives and time to fully invest in the lives of your men . . . Martin, I hope you're really sold on discipleship, because you are one of the best disciples God has ever given me."

The Guerenas have received \$17,000 of their \$34,300 support level. They cannot leave for Mexico until that amount has been promised. However, they were able to leave for language school in McAllen, Texas in September. Since Martin speaks fluent Spanish, he will be working part-time and church planting with home missions in McAllen while Kristy is in language school.

Changing The World at the GBFM Breakfast Challenge Hour

Tom Julien gave everyone who attended the GBFM challenge hour on August 3 an opportunity to change the world. "That is," he said "if you believe as I that prayer changes the world."

"Our task in the Christian ministry is not to go into the world and carve out a civilization like the early Americans did when they came to the U.S. Our task is to go into a world where our inheritance is already awaiting us. As the children of Israel who crossed the Jordan, everything was mapped out and yet they could only do it with God. The enemy was there. They could only occupy what they claimed. And this morning, through prayer, we're going to claim parts of the world."

And for ten minutes people prayed for the needs that 44 missionaries had shared earlier in the morning. Here are a few:

"I believe that Brethren people have a heart to change the world and your heart of compassion has rolled up its sleeves with our arms, has put on rubber with our shoes, and I thank you for being your ambassadors to France." Carolyn Nord, Chalon, France

"One of my dental patients in the CAR told me that he had a toothache for 4 years. I thank God for the opportunity to minister to brothers and sisters in Christ who have dental problems, a chance to train nationals to provide dental care, and the opportunity to use dentistry as an evangelistic outreach tool in the Central African Republic." Dave Daugherty, Bangui, CAR

"The apostle Paul bared his heart with the Corinthians, and I with you, when I tell you with him that we don't want you to be unaware of the afflictions which came to us in England. We were burdened excessively beyond our strength, but we trust not in ourselves, but in God who will deliver us." Elinor Steele, Solihull, England

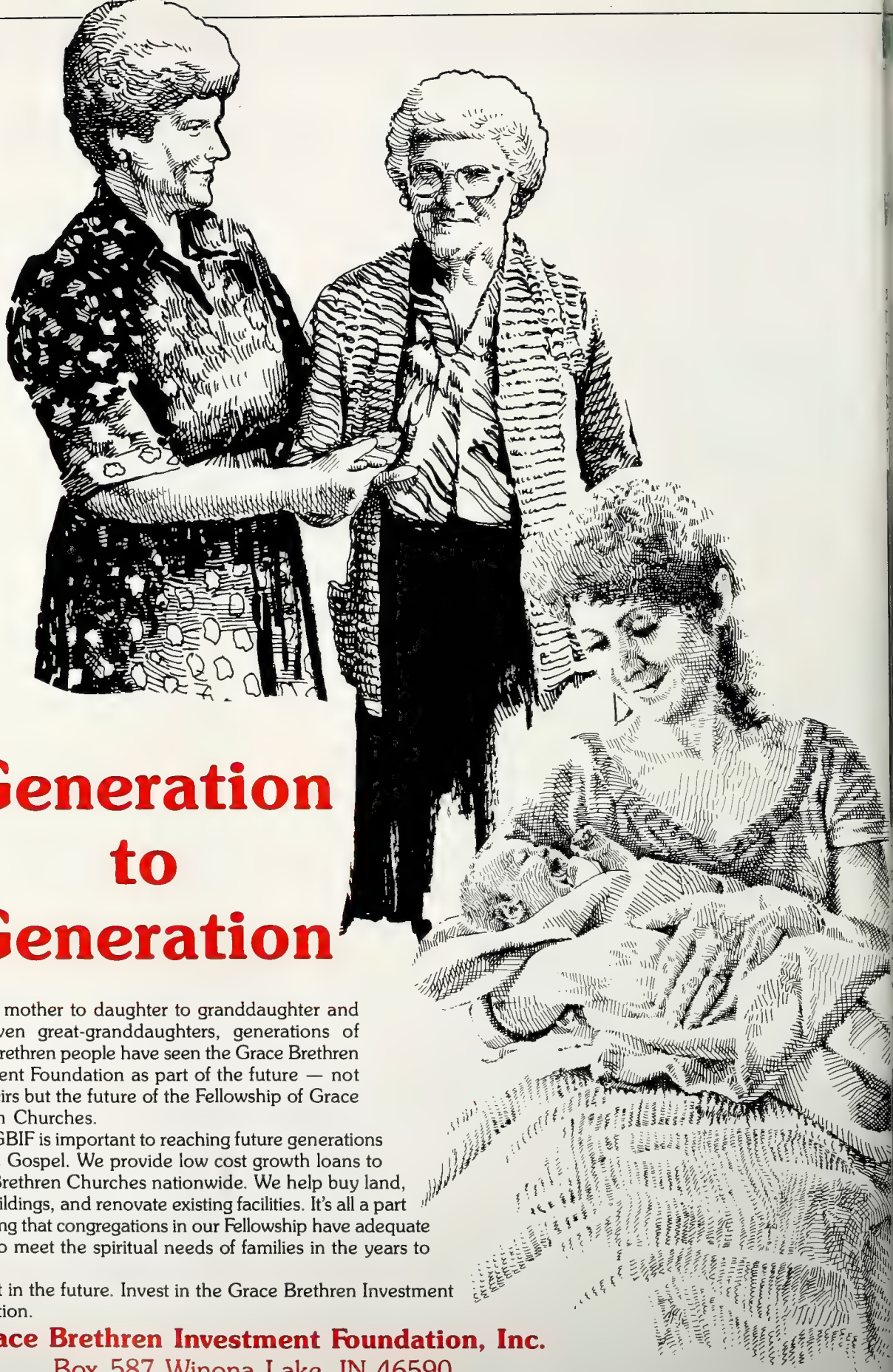
"Over the past 6 years God has repeatedly been teaching me that in His great work, prayer is no minor matter. It is our privilege, our responsibility, our high calling. I thank Him that through your prayers and our prayers He is building His church in Leonberg, West Germany." Denise Ramsey, Leonberg, West Germany

"My heart is moved to compassion daily as we minister in the Central African Republic. When I had my classes for pastors they really sacrificed to come. Many of them literally walked 15-25 miles. They really are hungry to hear God's Word." Bob Skeen, Boguila, CAR

"The nation of Uruguay is the newest testimony of the Grace Brethren Church. It is considered the most difficult country in Latin America to reach and has a vibrant testimony. The reason is that Argentina, GBFM's oldest existing field, has new vision and has sent a family to Uruguay to plant a church. I'm glad to be a part of that new effort and new life." Stan Nairn, Buenos Aires, Argentina

"My situation this morning is a good illustration of our situation since Roger took over the responsibility as European area director 2 years ago. He's not here and I am. At that time he gave up the church to two very capable German men. Pray for us as we learn to lead separated lives." Nancy Peugh, Stuttgart, West Germany

"My heart was deeply moved when just a few months ago Mrs. Kioko Hirato said with tears welling up in her eyes, 'I'm so thankful that God sent you here to tell us about Jesus Christ.'" Ike Graham, Osaka, Japan



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National Conference at Palm Desert, California

Our National Conference was set in one of the most beautiful and unusual places in the country this year. The Brethren enjoyed the place and the program. We would like to give you a visual souvenir from the Conference to stir up pleasant remembrances for the attendees and implant a desire to be in attendance next year for those who missed this conference. (Photos by Charles W. Turner)



(Top right) Cosy Pittman and Joni enjoyed the fellowship of each other at luncheon on Wednesday afternoon. Joni's message was inspiring.

(Above) Roy Roberts met with an old friend, Chuck Colson on the platform. Roy, who is now Chaplain at Grace



Schools, was associated with Mr. Colson in the Prison Ministry Fellowship. As usual, Mr. Colson's presentation was a dynamic one.

Information will be coming in future issues of the *Herald* regarding next year's Conference.

Post Conference Hawaii Tour

(Left) Thirty-eight Brethren extended their conference trip with fourteen days in Hawaii. The *Herald* tour group was lead by Julie and Ralph Colburn and Charles and June Turner. The members of the tour came from many parts of the

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United States including Florida, Ohio, Indiana and California. It was one of those all-inclusive tours with not too much time spent at any one location. The islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu and Kauai were all visited as were all the Brethren churches.

The *Herald* has been sponsoring trips in connection with our Conference for the past fifteen years. The *Herald* is planning a spring trip to London with forty-eight persons. It appears all of the places are now reserved for this London tour.

DEATHS

MAUGANS, JOHN R., 70, August 24, 1988. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

ST. PHARD, NATASSIA TOROIAN, 13 months old, July 26, 1988. She was the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Simon Toroian. John E. Gregory, pastor.

SPRANKLE, DOROTHY E., 59, August 8, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

VOORHEES, DUEY, 82, a former missionary to the Central African Republic, passed away on August 22, 1988. He was a member of the Waimalu (HI) Grace Brethren Church. Services were conducted

by pastors Harold Dunning, Ward Miller, and Robert Whited, with burial in Long Beach, CA.

MARRIAGES

BOWERS: Anita Clapper and Kevin Bowers, June 18, 1988, in the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, PA. John Gregory, pastor.

HEUSTON: Susan Lee and Brad Heuston, August 13, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg, PA. Bill Snell, pastor.

KURTZ: Jami Jeffries and Doug Kurtz, July 23, 1988, in the Grace Brethren Church of Martinsburg, PA. Bill Snell, pastor.

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NEWS UPDATE

CLAYHOLE, KY, Ray Sturgill is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Clayhole, KY. His telephone number is 606/666-7767.

CHARLOTTE, NC, Ralph Wiley is serving as the interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Charlotte, NC. He would like to know of other Brethren in the Charlotte area so he may make contact with them. The address of the church is: 5111 Tuckaseegee Rd., Charlotte, NC 28208.

Letters from Our Readers

Congratulations on a great piece you did on Larry Poland.

The article brought out in very strong words the messages which so desperately need to be preached from Brethren pulpits today (and I doubt seriously if it is happening very many places. It certainly is not in our area).

I feel that TV is the single worst influence on Christians of all ages. Rock music and TV are the ruination of almost all

Christian kids as I see it. No wonder we as evangelicals have almost no power to win the lost -- our lifestyles are so much like theirs in all too many cases that they can well ask, "Why should I get saved?". And what can we say?

Maryland

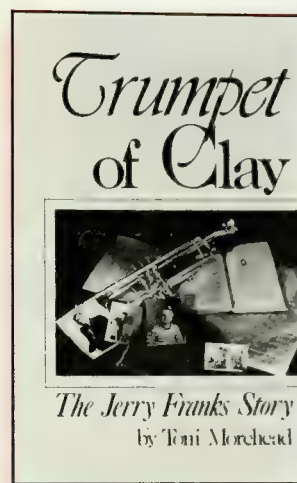
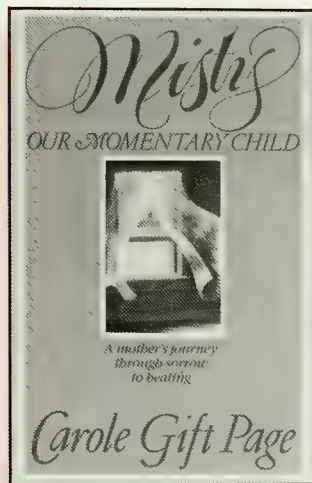
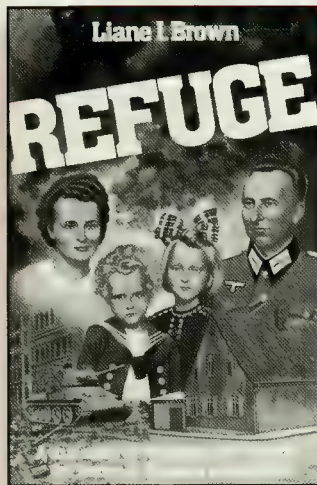
Before I get sidetracked with necessary business, I want to let you know how much the August

15th *Herald* was enjoyed. I couldn't put it down and finally read it cover to cover. I began at page 18-19 and went backwards, then finished the entire issue. I knew the Leo Polman family, but did not know Leo began camp Bethany ... or didn't remember. Later in 1955 Gerald Polman became our furlough pastor. Thank you for a splendid issue. I have not even had dinner yet and it is 7:30.

Long Beach, CA

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MISTY, OUR MOMENTARY CHILD by Carole Gift Page.

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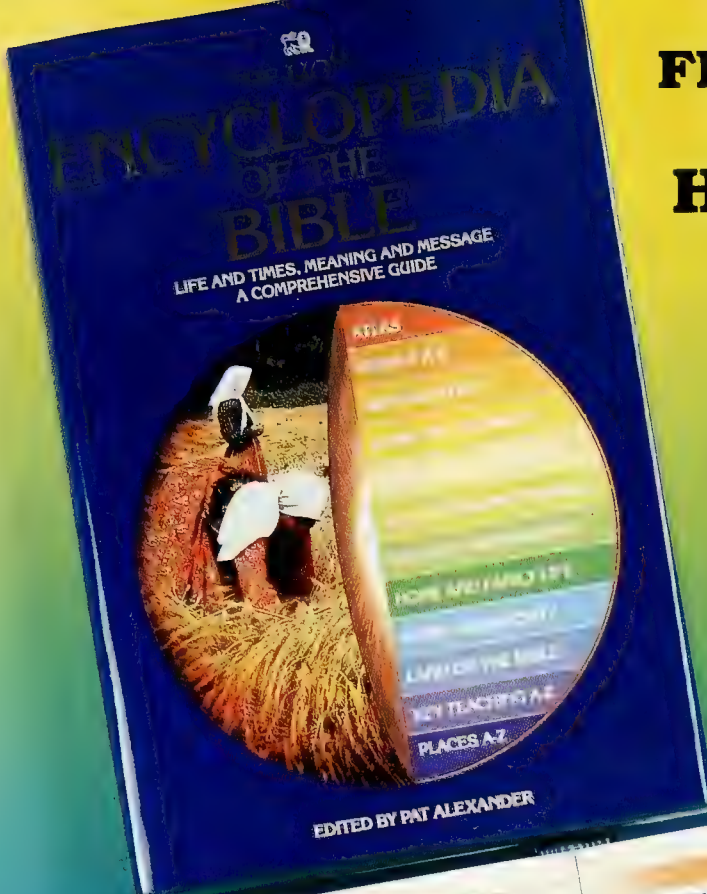
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The Good Old Days

by Charles W. Turner

There is something about this time of year that makes me think of the good old days. Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's Day all cause me to reflect on the past. What the "good old days" were and when they occurred are not always too clear in my mind. Yet, there is always the temptation to think that everything was better at a given time in our lives.

Recently we took our two grandchildren on a trip to show them the "good old days". We took a trip on the train -- not any old train mind you, but an old fashioned one. It was a steam engine with smoke and whistles and dirt -- not any old plain dirt, mind you, but good old coal soot dirt!

Our grandchildren, Tara and Nate, are 8 and 6 and we thought the trip would be fun. So, we went to southern Indiana for the day to travel from Connorsville to Metamora, an old canal town of the 1860's. The trip covered 16 miles through the hilly, wooded section of the state. The sixteen mile trip was supposed to take an hour and a half. Instead, it took an hour and forty-five minutes, so we traveled at a speed of less than ten miles per hour! Down the hills we did quite well, but at a slight incline we slowed down quite a bit. In fact, at one point I looked out the window and a butterfly going the same direction passed us. Now remember, that this is the "good old days".

Back at the station, we got in the car to return home. The air

conditioning was turned on, the stereo played some soft music and the one-hundred-and-thirty-mile trip back to Winona Lake was accomplished in less time than the 32 mile round trip by train.

The trip home was a pleasant one. We had visited the "good old days" briefly. It was a good day and we would not trade our trip for more pleasant surroundings. However, if asked if we would like to try the same trip again soon, the answer is, "NO!"

There is always the temptation to think that everything was better at a given time in our lives.

Many of the things we look back on are more pleasant in memory than they were in reality. I guess that is what we call nostalgia. Our memories somehow remove the unpleasant and permit the best to remain. It is best that way. If I really think about the past, I am not too certain that I would like to return to the "good old days". I always hated corduroy knickers. They somehow gave a whishing sound that I didn't like. Sneakers were really not that great and I still can't understand how folks can pay \$60.00 for pair of Nikes.

I began to fully realize something about the "good old days" when I read about Mike Brown at Clemson University. I

remember my \$500.00 a year charge for room, board, tuition and a rather sparse room. But now Mike is reported questioning whether he can survive without his personal computer, modem color television, microwave oven, video cassette recorder, stereo system, telephone answering machine, and refrigerator in his room.

Enough for comparison, it is the time of year to regather as families for the Thanksgiving and the Christmas seasons -- the thoughts of past years and the remembrances of the family as it once was. Each year seems to take its toll on all of us. Some are no longer with us. Such times reinforce our heritage and our past. They are rather like the old guideposts. All of this is good, but there is no going back to the "good old days". We are now in the present working out the solutions for the future. This is the way it has been and this is the way it shall be.

So the memories of the past are colored by our good feelings of how we *thought* things were. The activity of the present is made positive by our being surrounded by many good things.

The hope of our future is made possible by our trust in God. ■

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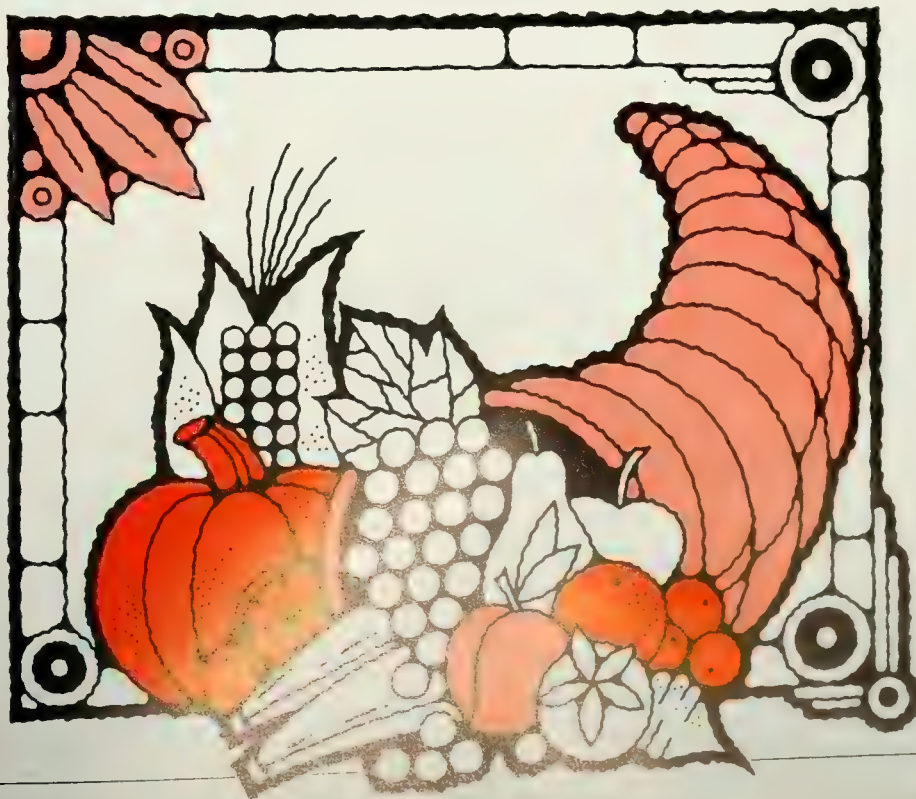
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"Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!"

Psalm 66:20 NIV

"Celebrate the Feast of the Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field."

Exodus 23:16 NIV

Lord, In Your word, You commanded the Israelites to celebrate a Harvest Festival each year. You wanted the people to remember that every good and perfect gift is from You. You encouraged the people to celebrate and to remember to give You thanks.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created."

James 1:17, 18 NIV

Father, thank you for giving us every good and perfect gift. Help us to remember to thank You, not just at this time of year, but every day throughout the year. Help us to live thankful lives, fruitful lives, lives grounded in Your word of truth that bring glory to You. Help us to give You the firstfruits of our time and our talents as well as our tithes to show our thankfulness.

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Psalms 95:2 KJV

Lord, as we come into Your presence, help us to be filled with thanksgiving, not just for what you have done for us -- which is so abundant that we could never mention everything you have done -- but for who You are. You are ever present, all knowing, all loving, full of mercy and justice, ever forgiving. Forgive us for our selfishness and our self-centeredness and help us to live more thankful lives.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And

the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7 NIV

Lord, I rejoice in the knowledge that You love me just the way I am, that You have forgiven me and will use me to share Your love with others. Lord, I rejoice that You have promised me peace. Peace, not as the world gives, but the peace that passes all understanding and is eternally from You.

*"Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us,
and we are His;
we are His people,
the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and
His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues
through all generations."*

Psalm 100

Lord, Give Us Thankful Hearts

by Raeann Hart

*For home and friends and food and drink
We thank you Lord.
For lofty thoughts You let us think
We thank you Lord.
Thoughts of eternity, joy, love,
forgiveness true,
fellowship, peace, a home above,
all come from You.*

*Many more gifts Your Word imparts
than we can say.
Oh Lord, give us all thankful hearts
from You today.*

Christ's Modus Operandi

by Juan M. Isais

Jesus did not rest on His considerable renown. According to Matthew 9:35-38, He went from town to town, seeking out the lost and preaching the Gospel. He healed physical infirmities as well as every emotional and spiritual distress among the people. He sought them out because the people of His time, like those of today, wandered like sheep that had no shepherd.

For Him, they were not simply away from the Kingdom of God; they were outside of it. If only the church of today would return to its first love and follow His example, the world would once again see Christ incarnated in our passion for individuals and for souls.

I firmly believe that one point for beginning to reach the world consists of the following: that those who are in charge of our theology accept that there is one indubitable fact in the church and in the revelation of the Scripture. What is the fact? That from the very moment of his conversion to Christ, and regardless of any external circumstances, God gives the new believer the capacity to handle eternal truths in an adequate way, above all adjusted to the needs of the person who receives his message.

The determining factor in evangelism is not the Christian, but the non-Christian, in order for God to select the method to be used.

***If only the church would
return to its first love
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God does more than His share, one might say, to guarantee that the non-Christian world has no excuse. His capacity to identify an individual as a sinner in need of God, Who is his only hope, is many-sided. The multiform grace of God, wisdom of God, and His multiform methodology are permanently in action. Day after day, God does not wear out His creativity. He never needs to repeat ideas or methods, for as we discover in Ephesians 3:20, God, by the power at work within us, is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think.

Thus the total mobilization of all believers is necessary for testimony. I believe that just as the sun comes up day after day, so the qualitative and quantitative growth of the church is in direct relationship to the success we have in teaching the ordinary believer that when it comes to sharing the message of salvation, in the moment when he is willing to give testimony, he is more capable than the professional communicator.

It was hard for me to understand this principle but the longer I live the more I am convinced that there is a big difference between teaching and training. Training, in the sense of repeating concepts or practicing activities, is necessary in certain areas for example, in learning to play a musical instrument. But in regard to evangelism, this type of training dislocates the individuality of the person, eliminates his creativity, and traumatizes him. For that reason, when we methodize the church members, we also transfer to them a high percentage of guilt, because once we teach them "how" they tend to become mechanized.

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If someone does not respond as expected to the established pattern, the witness becomes frustrated and distances himself from this most beautiful practice of the Christian life, which is, of course, sharing what great things God has done for him and how He has had mercy on him.

If you could take the time to investigate this principle, you would easily find thousands of trained people who have self-destructed. They no longer try to talk about the Lord. Furthermore, any time they attempt to do so fills them with terror and shame.

In the secular world, the opposite is often true. The more a person is trained, the more he produces. But in evangelism the situation is reversed, because the quality of the communication is the prerogative of God. For our part we must obey and keep the equipment clean and in contact. ■



Juan M. Isais is the Director of the Latin American Mission in Mexico and Senior Instructor for First Love Renewal. This article is excerpted from *The Other Evangelism*, a book soon to be published by Brethren Evangelistic Ministries in cooperation with Juan Isais.

Training Priorities Set For 1989

Ed Lewis, executive director for GBC Christian Education, recently announced training and leadership priorities for the national CE office. "These are priority areas we want to help churches develop during 1989," said Lewis.

Lewis and his staff worked through a list of local church issues and needs in order to determine one priority emphasis for each age group. The national Christian Education office then plans to use these priorities as a focus for their publications and ministry programs.

For children's ministries, GBC Christian Education will emphasize the need for churches to evangelize unchurched children. "We believe the greatest need in children's ministries is for Grace Brethren churches to aggressively reach unchurched kids," said Ed Lewis. "Many of our churches are putting all their efforts into evangelizing and discipling children whose parents attend church. We need to reach beyond the church walls."

Concerning local church youth ministries, a similar theme is emphasized. "For youth pastors and youth workers, we want to provide strategies and ideas for reaching unchurched youth," said Lewis.

The priority focus for adult Sunday school classes will be bonding class members to each other and the class. This concept incorporates the need for the care of church attenders to be organized through Adult Bible Fellowships (adult Sunday school classes). But going beyond this level, "bonding" emphasizes that class members need to develop friendships within the class and feel wanted and needed in the class.

GBC Christian Education will be emphasizing to pastors the need to evaluate and set church priorities, strategies, and goals. A general emphasis to all believers in the church will be to "verb-

alize your faith." In order to encourage specialized ministries to senior citizens, singles, the handicapped and others, the national CE office will challenge churches to target and implement at least one new ministry this year."

New Team Leads CE



New CE leadership team: (left to right) Ed Lewis, Chery Otermat, Ed Underwood, and Brad Skiles.

October 1 was a significant beginning for GBC Christian Education. It marked the start of a new leadership team guiding the CE ministries.

Not since 1976 has the national CE office had a full-time executive director. On October 1, Ed Lewis began his full-time employment with CE as Executive Director. October was also the official transfer of new responsibilities to the three directors: Chery Otermat, Director of Girl's Ministries and Assistant Director of Short-Term Missions; Brad Skiles, Director of Church Relations and Resources; and Ed Underwood, Director of Personnel and Finance and Assistant Director of BNYC.

The new positions were created to help CE service and encourage Grace Brethren churches in the development of strong biblical leadership. Please pray for this team as they lead CE's ministries.

CE Resources Donated to Grace Brethren Church

The national CE office recently donated over 1,500 books and

resources to the Grace College and Theological Seminary library. The treasury of Christian education books and materials were contained in the GBC Christian Education resource room. Ed Lewis, Executive Director for CE, said, "This was another way we could encourage Grace and assist them in training church workers and leaders. The books will continue to be available to our staff and now they will be much more accessible to Grace students."

The books expanded a section of the library that will be valuable to students studying Christian education ministries.

CE's Time Workers

Please pray for these CE TIME (Training In Missionary Endeavor) workers currently serving:

Deb Austin (Warsaw, IN GBC)/Central African Republic

Karen Broach (Lexington, OH GBC)/Navajo Mission

Melissa Buriff (Wooster, OH GBC)/Navajo Mission

Andy Moyer (Dillsburg, PA GBC)/Navajo Mission

Sean and Joanne Murdock (Warsaw, IN GBC)/Brazil

Anita Snyder (Columbus, OH GBC)/France

National CE Awards Honor Growth

Several National CE Awards were presented at the National CE Convention, August 4, 1988. Receiving "Church of the Year" was the La Mirada, California Creek Park Community Church. The church has grown in morning worship attendance from 111 to over 250 in the last five years.

The Norton, Ohio Grace Brethren Church was recognized for their consistent growth in Sunday School and effective organization. This church was named, "Sunday School of the Year."

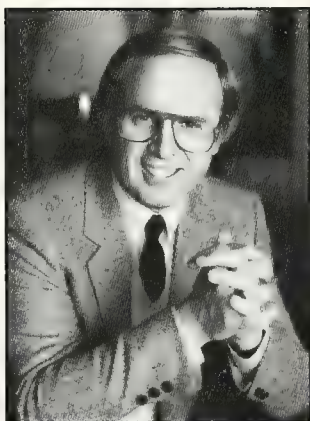
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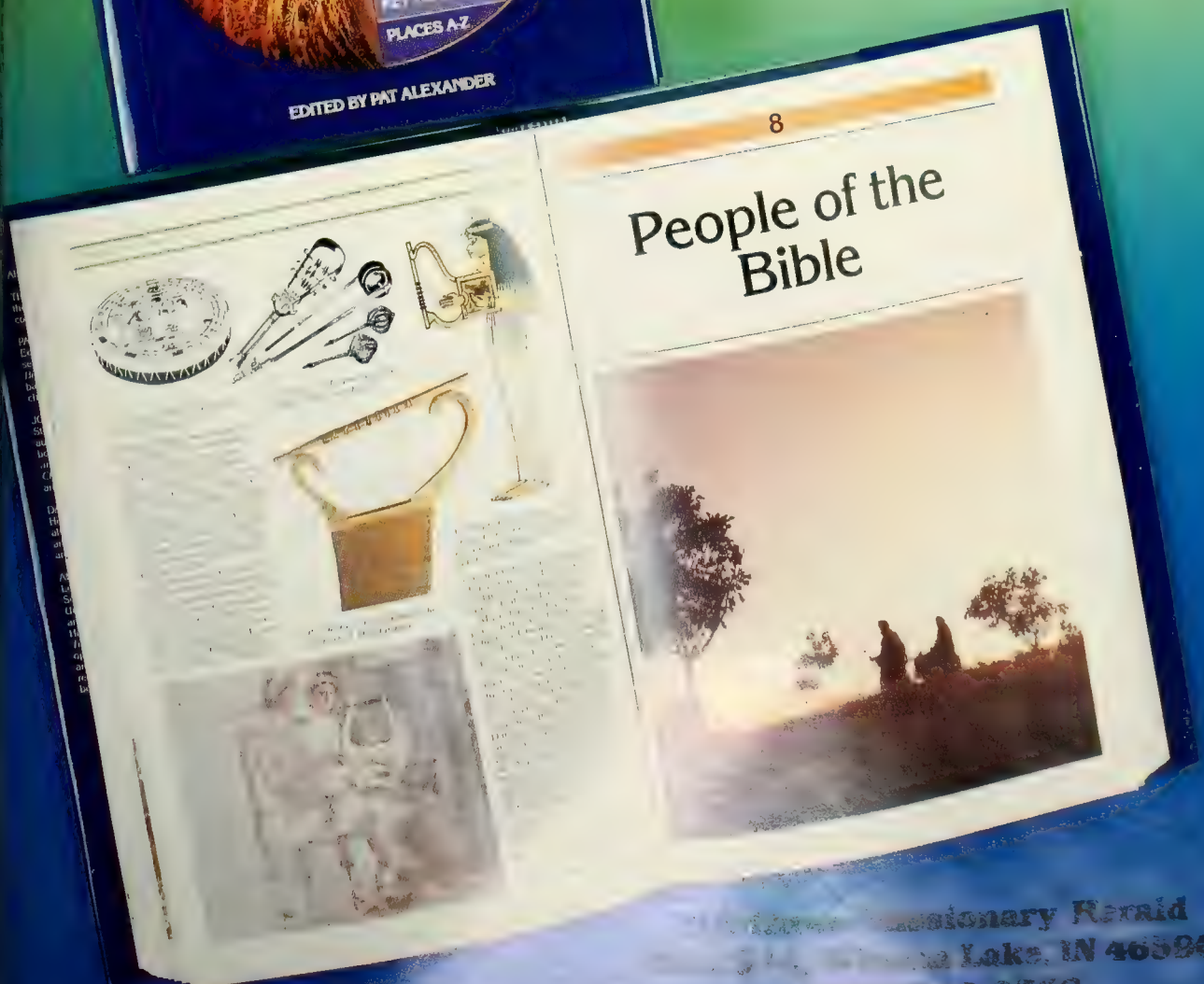
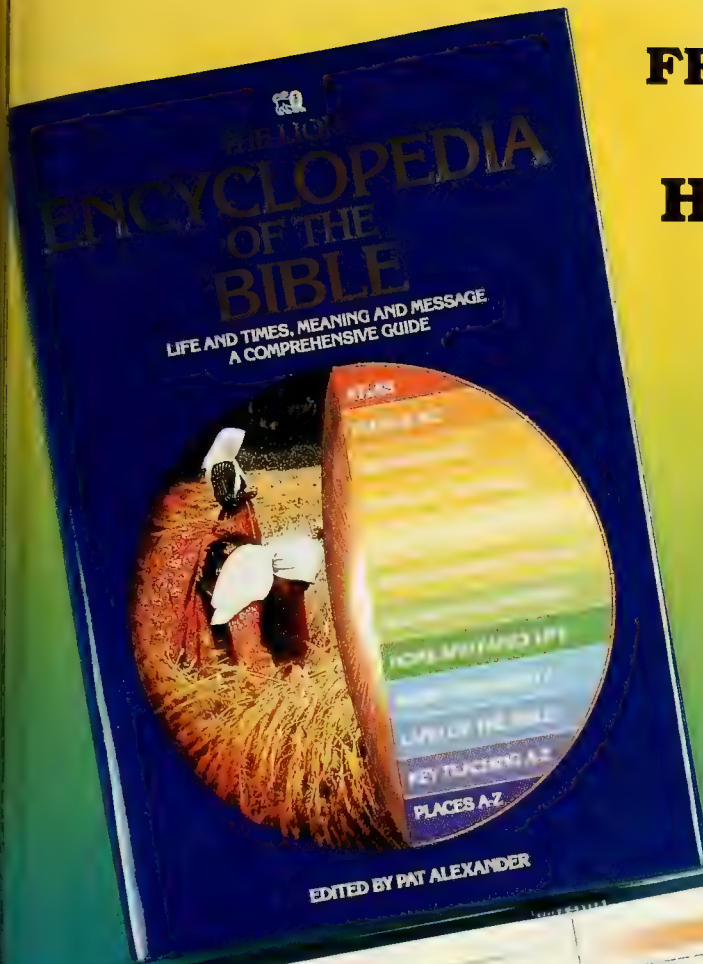


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We are all in the process of settling down to the Fall schedule and routine. It is not always as easy as we would like, because not everyone wants to settle into the schedule at the same time. I trust you will have a good Fall ministry.

A pre-Christmas mailer is enclosed this month. Look it over and if we can be of help to you in getting your Christmas gift list filled, please let us know. The 800 number is there, so use it freely.

The mailing list continues to grow. If you have a friend who would enjoy receiving the Nephew, please let us know.

Getting your people to read through the Bible is one of the best things that you can do for them, and yourself. There should be a system to aid and help them. This year I have been reading through the NIV in the One-Year Bible. I have come across a new product called the Daylight Devotional Bible. It has a program for reading through the Bible in one year. It also has 366 daily devotions that are good. Also, it outlines a project of reading through the Bible in six months by selecting highlight chapters. It is in the NIV. I have ordered 1,000 of them and they will be available after October 1. The retail cost is \$12.95, but in lots of five, they can be purchased for \$10.00 each, plus actual postage. The real important part is to have people work in groups. The peer-pressure helps them keep at it. So prayer groups, families, Sunday-school classes, with a regular reminder, gives extra motivation. Call in your order and we will mail them out. The One-Year Bible comes in most translations.

If you have been worrying if there will be any money in the Social Security System, do not lose too many nights' sleep. The fund is adding to its surplus \$109 million a day. The bad news is that they are buying government bonds with all that money. There will be a surplus of \$12 trillion by the year 2,030 and then it will all be gone by 2,050. I trust that will be a few years into the Millennium.

We are shipping out the *Chafer's Systematic Theology* and they are going very well. The two-volume abridged edition has replaced the old set which is no longer available. The retail is \$37.95 and the Nephew price is \$29.95, plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. This is part of a basic set of books that should be in your library.

The average young person graduating from high school has spent 15,000 hours in front of the TV. The only other thing that has required more time is sleeping.

Get in before the price change on this. The *MacArthur N.T. Commentary Series* moved to an increase in price of \$16.95 each. There are six books in the series—Matthew 1-7, Matthew 8-15, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Hebrews. We have been selling them for \$10.00 each, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. So if you have not started the series or have just part of it, here is one more opportunity to save a few \$\$\$\$\$\$.

I have about ten copies of *The Christian Counselors Manual* by Jay E. Adams. It retails at \$16.95 and you may have the remaining copies at \$12.00 each, plus \$1.00 postage. This is a clearance item.

College enrollments continue to remain steady according to the U.S. Department of Education. About 12.56 million will attend this academic year. This will place about 9.76 million in public colleges and about 2.8 million in private institutions. The nation will spend \$328 billion overall on education this year. Public institutions will spend about \$12,554 per student and private institutions will spend \$20,544 per student—full time FTE. This is on the college level.

Another price change has come, but you can use the old price. The *Basic Theology* by Ryrie—the new price is now \$19.95. Here is an opportunity for you to receive one at \$11.00 each, plus \$1.00 each for postage and handling, before we have to increase our price. You cannot beat a below wholesale price, and this is it!

Little Kittel is still available at \$37.00, plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. It retails at \$49.00.

Remember to call us at 1-800-348-2756 when you have a question and think we might be able to help meet your needs.

Everytime I mention this, we get orders. So I mention it again. It is a little gem that every choir member should have in their hands. It is inexpensive and is filled with helps. It is *A Pocket Guide for the Church Choir Member*, by Osbeck. The cost is only \$1.25 each, plus postage. You really should have one for each choir member and a few for incoming members.

I keep getting questions on when the second volume of the *Parsing Guide* will be ready. No word yet from Moody. Some, however, still do not have Volume 1. For the dedicated scholars, we remind you of the *Parsing Guide to the Old Testament*, Volume 1. It covers the material up to Esther. It is \$19.95, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. It is published by Moody and normally sells for \$25.95.

Our winner for the month is Roger Mayes, 7363 Palomar Ave., Yucca Valley, CA 92284. His name was picked at random from the list of 2,100 ministers and church workers who receive the Nephew. If Roger will call our toll-free number and confirm his address, we will mail him a *Moody Bible Atlas*, with a retail value of \$31.95.

The Gallup Poll reports that 52% of U.S. teenagers believe in astrology. College education had no impact on adults and whether or not they believe in astrology. The ratios were about the same as noncollege educated people.

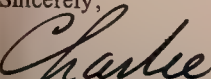
This is one of the current best sellers. John MacArthur's new book, *The Gospel According to Jesus*, deals with the theme of Lordship salvation. It retails at \$14.95, but we are selling them at \$11.50, plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

A new book by Moody, *Great Leaders of the Christian Church*, is a well-done work. It gives the stories of sixty-four Christian leaders. It is in color and each of the biographies is about three pages long. It will give the historian a good overview as well as the layman. It looks like a must for Christian schools to have in the library. New this past month; it retails at \$22.95. We have it for \$16.50, plus \$1.00 for postage.

If this reaches you on Monday when you are cashing your paycheck, please take it all in the context of Bible knowledge as to the proper place of money. *Fortune Magazine* reports the following: The richest person in the world is Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei. (I did not even know the country.) It is a tiny country on the island of Borneo. Well, he has some 25 billion bucks and his home town is Bandar Seri Begawan. How about that? The second guy on the list is from Saudi Arabia and has \$18 billion. The name is King Fahd Bin Abdul. Then the Americans show up and you probably have helped this fellow get rich. I know I have made numerous contributions to this bank account. It is the Forrest Mars family—father, two sons, and one daughter. They share \$12.5 billion. They make Snickers, Milky Ways, M and M's, Kal Kan dog food and, of course, Mars bars. The first two guys are oil men and the last is in the sweet-tooth business.

Another month and we trust that all will go well. The Lord willing I will be back in about 30 days.

Sincerely,


Charles W. Turner
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The New Age Movement

by Raeann Hart

Are you a member of the New Age Movement if you have a rainbow in your house, own a toy unicorn or have watched "Star Wars" or "The Dark Crystal"? Is there a conspiracy throughout the world subtly trying to invade our culture and remake everything to fit New Age concepts? Or is the New Age Movement a figment of the imagination?

Books about the New Age Movement and Christian publications trying to confront this movement abound. What factors have brought about such interest? What is the New Age Movement?

Secular Humanism has invaded everything from the media to our school textbooks in the past few decades. Secular humanism basically tries to remove religion from all facets of life. To find purpose without religion, materialism has overtaken as the most common "god" in our country. After years of searching for meaning in acquiring more and more goods, many people are still searching for true meaning in life. The stage is set for the entrance of a "new" philosophy. The New Age Movement offers what many people seem to be looking for. It embraces many forms of Eastern Religions, practices and consciousness-raising, but its main thrust and belief common throughout is that "We are god." New Age Philosophies include belief in reincarnation, all are one, all are god, humanity is god, all religions are one, we can change our consciousness, and humanity can evolve into peaceful, perfect beings.

A Pastor in Winimac, Indiana offers his opinion regarding the threat of the New Age Movement, "The single most important threat is the Eastern Religion Movement. The trouble is that it is a movement, not a religion in itself. It is made up of hundreds of religions and you can't track them all. The New Age Movement is old paganism revisited, the resurrection of the ancient lie of Satan himself which says, 'You can


be god. We are god. Each one of us is god.' Isaiah records the account of the fall of Satan and how he fell because he thought he could be like God. There is nothing that is more against Christianity. The root of all sin is not letting God be God and saying, 'I can do what I want with my life.'"

To sum up the philosophy of the New Age Movement is the premise that humans, "will not die, but will be like God, knowing good and evil". This sin sounds amazingly like the serpent's words to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

An Indiana Pastor commented that the New Age Movement, "is a major problem and it is everywhere." A pastor in Florida feels even more strongly and said, "I think it is a highly organized network." Indeed, the evidences of New Age philosophy seem to be everywhere. New Age philosophies have been proclaimed in all types of music, including Country-Western, which normally is the least effected by the current culture, with songs such as the recent American Music Award winner that proclaimed reincarnation through the lives of a highway man, bridge builder, starship captain. Movies such as the "Star Wars" trilogy proclaim a "force" that is both good and evil and is in all and through all. "The Dark Crystal" showed the merging of the totally evil with the gentle mystics when the crystal shard was returned to its rightful place.

New Age philosophies have entered the world of Physics with books such as "The Tao of Physics" and "Foundation and Earth". Shirley MacLaine has become a spokeswoman for the New Age Movement with books such as "Out on a Limb" and "Dancing in the Light". In a recent miniseries starring MacLaine, she was seen dancing along a seashore proclaiming, "I am God".

Many celebrities and even a well known talk



how host are New Age sponsors. "Unmasking the New Age" recounts a guided meditation that actually occurred in a Los Angeles public school classroom of first graders encouraging them to "imagine . . . that you are perfect."

Once you are familiar with the New Age philosophy, it is much easier to see evidences of the movement throughout our culture. I recently visited with a new college student home for the weekend from a well-known art school. When asked what his biggest adjustment was to the college scene, he remarked his amazement at the high percentage of students who are "into New Age religions".

Many good organizations have become infiltrated with New Age philosophies. Large corporations have hired firms to present motivational seminars for their employees only to find that the presentations are filled with New Age philosophies and eastern religious practices. Holistic health, animal rights and world peace groups begin with sound principles, but many have been subtly converted into groups proclaiming New Age ideas.

Some New Age organizations have not been subtle at all. One New Age church in Florida is constantly advertising in the local newspapers encouraging people to join them to "learn how to read palms, tarot cards, and conduct seances."

What can Christians do to become more aware of the New Age Movement? First, there are a number of good books available which give information on the movement. The Bible advises us to be "wise as serpents and gentle as doves." Matthew 10:16

Most importantly, we must be people of the Word. One pastor said, "We have gotten away from being people of the Word -- God's powerful word, sharper than a two-edged sword. We must remain in His Word to remain . . ."

The Bible keeps our spiritual immune system healthy so we won't fall for spiritual diseases."

When a banker goes to school to learn how to spot counterfeit money, he first spends much time getting to know what real bills are like -- how they feel, smell, look. When he really knows what the legitimate object is like, then he can spot a counterfeit. In the same way, it is vital that we Christians know our faith so well that we can spot a counterfeit. This comes from studying the Word regularly, hearing the Word preached at church, participating in Bible studies, praying continually and living the Word in our lives.

No, we are not gods and we will not grow to be more like a god as we seek our inner levels of consciousness. Only by letting the Holy Spirit live in us, having a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior, will we be able to live forever.

Good Resources to Learn More about the New Age Movement:

BOOKS

<i>Unmasking The New Age</i> , Douglas Groothuis	\$6.95
<i>Confronting The New Age</i> , Douglas Groothuis	\$7.95
<i>Out on A Broken Limb</i> , F. LaGard Smith	\$6.95
<i>The Lure of the Cults</i> , Ronald Enroth	\$6.95
<i>The Truth About the Lie</i> , David R. Mains	\$5.95

PAMPHLETS

<i>Spirit Channeling</i> , Brooks Alexander	\$1.95
<i>Satan, Wicca & the New Age Movement</i> , James W. Sire	\$1.95
<i>The New Age Movement</i> , Douglas R. Groothuis	\$.75

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Growing Up in Christ in England

by Elinor Steele

Missionary to England

Our lives as material humans operate in a sphere of time -- we live by clocks and schedules -- some are concerned with time, others are obsessed.

We all have the same amount of time in each day, and the way we spend it is significant. Some people waste time -- accomplishing nothing. Others spend it wisely, making investments in peoples' lives and in matters that have eternal importance.

Time is irretrievable -- each moment happens only once, never to be repeated -- a moment cannot be slowed down or sped up. Life is measured according to its events, so when we think of our Christian life we measure it by events as well. "Growing up in Christ" speaks of the process of maturity which comes by way of the events God brings into our lives.

We have found ourselves in England serving our 6 years, asking two questions:

1. What is the Profit?
2. What is the Purpose?

In reference to profit: without God in perspective, it's all emptiness and futility. We have been led through the corridors of crisis in this last term. (Phil's dad, Phil's illness, car stolen, Derek's fall, Bill's accident.) If we doubted God's sovereignty for a moment, we'd be consumed in self-pity. But

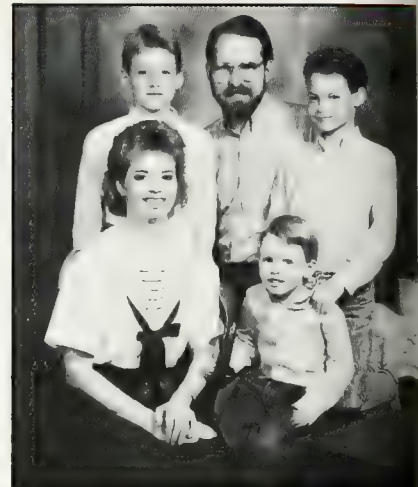
He has allowed us ministry like we've never known.

In reference to purpose: we realize that apart from God there is no purpose. God is the focus of our message. We have **HOPE** knowing that God has established the orderliness of all that happens! He is never surprised!

God has called us to a ministry of compassion. In our last term God has brought into our lives and our church a widow, a single mother with two children, a family with a Down's syndrome child, an older divorcee and now, a Christian brother in prison. We never asked for these specifically, but we did ask God to allow us ministry in people's lives. He chose these means.

We don't want to miss God's timing and His ability to work things out His way. So often our problem is not so much what happens, but our perspective after. Someday a life will be drawn through history and I will be left with eternity to contemplate my contribution in TIME.

The closeness to Christ that comes through suffering and sorrow runs very deep. We thank you on behalf of the believers in Solihull and ourselves, for praying us through the last 3 years. Please NEVER STOP. WE PROMISE WE WON'T.



Elinor Steele and her family.



Scripture Memorization

Ephesians 4:14-16

Then we will no longer be infants tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

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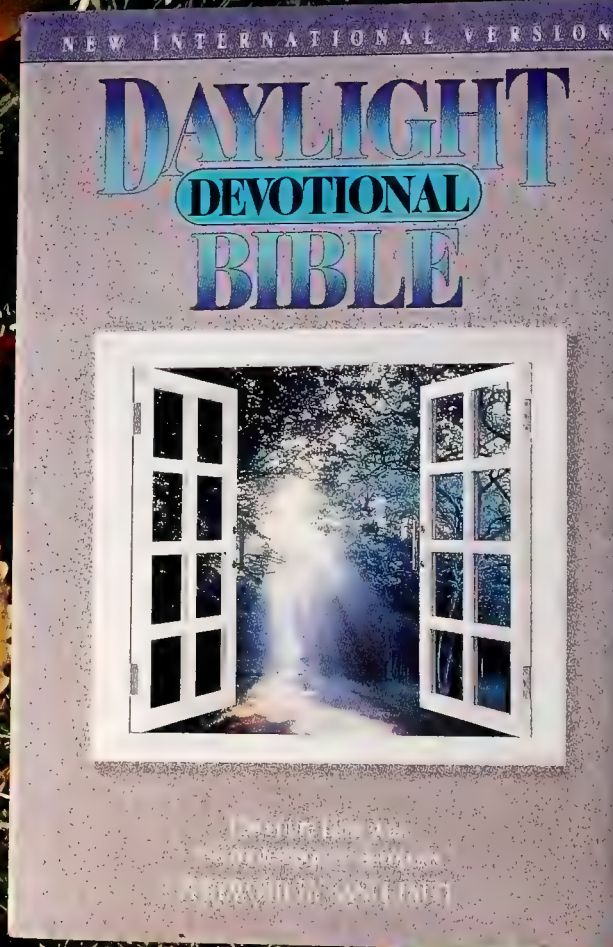
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Meet Our Grace Brethren Chaplains

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It has been more than 50 years since the first Grace Brethren pastor was endorsed to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. military. Beginning with men like Don Carter, Orville Lorenz, and Ernie Pine, more than 28 men have ministered in the military on a full-time basis. It hasn't always been easy. They have served through World War II, the Korean conflict, and Vietnam. Although none have died during battle, many have been recognized for acts of bravery while under fire.

But most importantly has been the spiritual impact our chaplains have had on the men they serve. More than once, a chaplain has seen changed lives as a result of a battlefield witness or a chapel invitation.

Presently, ten men serve in the U.S. armed forces as full-time chaplains. Several others are involved on a reserve basis.

Full-time officers include those in the U.S. Army -- Col. John Schumacher, Fort Richardson, AK; Major John B. Patrick, Fort Monmouth, NJ; Capt. Charles Card, 38th Signal Battalion, Germany; Capt. Gary Patterson, Fort Sill, OK; and Capt. Ben Collins, Fort Stewart, GA. In the U.S. Navy are Lt. Cdr. John L. Diaz, USS Hunley; Cdr. Grover James Dickson, Port Hueneme, CA; Lt. Dayne Nix, Pearl Harbor, HI; and Lt. John (Jack) Galle, Groton, CT. Serving in the U.S. Air Force is Lt. Col. James T. Clwell.



John Schumacher, 54, has served in the U.S. Army as a chaplain since 1965 and is currently the staff chaplain for the U.S. Army in Alaska.

"Unmistakably in 1959, I felt a deep longing to be a Chaplain," he recalls. "Some say this was a 'call.' I feel it was." After graduating from Grace Theological Seminary in 1963, he served as an

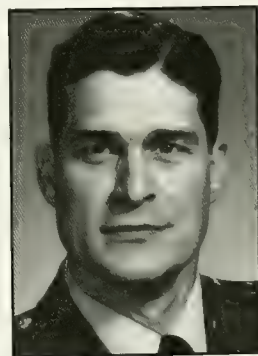
associate pastor in Dayton, OH. In the past 23 years, Col. Schumacher has served two tours of duty in Vietnam, spent two years in Korea, and served at the U.S. Army Chaplain School in Fort Monmouth, NJ, in addition to various other assignments around the continental United States. He also has had the unique opportunity to attend the Army War College, one of only a few chaplains who have ever been

invited. His current assignment finds him responsible for the work of 20 other chaplains on three installations in the state of Alaska.

Col. Schumacher is a graduate of Bob Jones University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and was a graduate from Grace Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He also holds a Master's degree from Long Island University and has taken four quarters of accredited clinical pastoral education at Lutheran Medical Center and Brooklyn (NY) Veteran's Administration Hospital.

John and his wife, Martha, have two daughters, Laurie, who is married to Home Mission pastor Louis Huesmann and resides in Hartford, CT; and Julie, of Columbus, OH; and two sons, John, and Eric, at home. The Schumachers are members of the Winona Lake (IN) Grace Brethren Church.

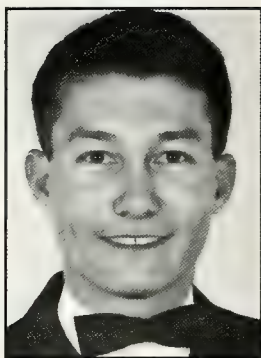
John B. Patrick, 43, is definite about his purpose for being an Army chaplain. "God called me to this service and I had no choice if I wanted to be in His will," he says. Presently stationed at the Army Chaplain's School at Fort Monmouth, NJ, Patrick serves as a small group leader, guiding nine to 15 chaplains through the advanced course, teaching some phases, facilitating group processes, etc. It's a unique opportunity that affords him the chance to get acquainted with incoming Grace Brethren chaplains.



Major Patrick is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a B.S. in Political Science and received a Master of Divinity degree from Talbot Theological Seminary in 1975. He has also received a master's degree from the University of Oregon in Institutional Technology and studied at Drew University.

An Army chaplain since 1975, Patrick served in the National Guard prior to coming on active duty. He has served as battalion chaplain on military bases in Maryland and Oklahoma in addition to a tour in Darmstadt, Germany.

He met his wife, Georgia, 43, while they were high school students in Eagle Point, OR. They married after her college graduation and they now have four daughters, Katherine, 19, twins Connie and Carolyn, 17, and Rebekah, 12.



Charles D. Card started out to be a military intelligence officer. But while a student at the University of Hawaii, he felt the Lord leading him in a different direction.

"I was involved with the Army ROTC program," he says. "I was able to change my branch to the chaplaincy. You can say that I got 'Divine Intelligence,'" he adds.

A bachelor, 33-year-old Card is presently battalion chaplain for the 38th Signal Battalion, the largest in the U.S. Army and the only battalion that supports the Pershing Command. His assignment in Schwaebisch Gmünd has also placed him in close proximity to Grace Brethren missionaries serving in Germany. "The fellowship with them is truly rewarding," he says.

Card holds a degree in Speech and Communications from the University of Hawaii and received a M.Div. degree from Talbot Theological Seminary. Prior to active duty in 1983, he served as Chaplain Candidate on reserve status for four years.

Card accepted Christ when he was 12 years old at a Five-Day Bible Club sponsored by the Waipio Grace Brethren Church in Hawaii. The pastor visited his home a short time later, and as a result, his parents also became Christians. His family continues to be involved in the Waipio GBC.

Benjamin F. Collins III is the FGBC's newest Army chaplain, having arrived for active duty at Fort Stewart, GA in June. But military life is not new to the 35-year-old man. He served in the Army from May 1975 until August 1978 as a 1st Lieutenant working with military intelligence in Augsburg, West Germany.

Collins became a chaplain when he recognized the opportunity to serve God and country and that he could apply his ministry skills and gifts in working with needy service members and their families. His first assignment finds him working as a battalion chaplain in the 24th infantry division.

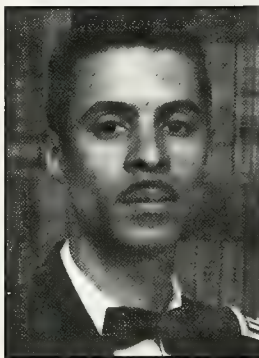
A graduate of Columbus College, Columbus, GA, Collins also holds a Th.M. degree from Grace Theological Seminary and a Master's of Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

Collins met his wife, Philinda, 33, through his stepfather, who worked with her at Glen Eyrie, the Navigator's Conference Center and Headquarters near Colorado Springs, CO. They met in the courtyard there and 14 months later, exchanged vows



in the castle. They now have a year-old daughter, Emilyynn.

The Collins are members of the Grace Brethren Church, Simi Valley, CA.



Gary Patterson accepted Christ while he was an enlisted man in the Army through the ministry of a Grace Theological Seminary graduate. "Based on this, my desire was to be part of the need for the Gospel message to service members," the 34-year-old says. He has served as chaplain since 1985 and presently is stationed at the Field Artillery Headquarters

in Fort Sill, OK. This fall, however, he is being transferred to Korea.

Capt. Patterson is a graduate of American Technological University in Killeen, TX with a B.S. degree in Social Services and Rehabilitation. He received a Th.M. degree from Grace Seminary in 1985 and a M.Div. degree in 1986. He served eight years in the army, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) before he left to enroll in seminary. While in seminary, he served five years in the Indiana National Guard as a platoon sergeant, chaplain candidate and finally as a chaplain.

He met his wife, Jaci, 32, at a social function in 1973. "I gave my phone number to one of her friends asking her to call me," he recalls. "After our first conversation (five hours in length!), Jaci stated to her friends and family, 'This man is my husband!'"

The Pattersons are members of the Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, IN.

G. James Dickson has served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy since 1969. A graduate of Bryan College and Grace Theological Seminary, he has also studied at Grace College, Ashland College and the University of Puerto Rico.

Currently stationed at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme, CA, the 56-year-old Dickson serves as pastor of the Protestant Chapel on base. Prior to his arrival in 1985, he served on various ships and naval air stations world wide, including a stint in the Philippines.

He met his wife, June, 59, in the dining room at Bryan College where they were students. They were married in 1953 and now have four married children: John, Jacqueline, Joel, and Jill.

The Dicksons served as missionaries to Puerto Rico for eight years with GBFM. Their home is the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, OH.





Dayne Nix has learned a lot about faith since his enlistment as a U.S. Navy Chaplain in 1985. Recently, he was transferring from one ship to another via helicopter in preparation to sail back to Pearl Harbor.

"The ship I was going to was hurrying to catch up with an oiler to refuel," he recalls. "The helicopter I was on matched the speed of the ship, about twenty-one knots

(22 mph) sideways, and then proceeded to lower me to the deck (about 20 feet) by cable. What an exciting time! Stepping out of the helicopter into the air with only a thin cable to hold me up took a great deal of faith, I have to admit," he adds.

Chaplain Nix served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a communications officer from 1974 to 1979, then served as pastor of the Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church in Arvada, CO from 1980 until he began active duty. A graduate of the University of Colorado with a degree in International Relations, he also received a M.Div. degree from Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary.

"I recognized the need for spiritual leadership when I served in the Marine Corps," says Nix, 36. "I felt drawn back into military service and saw that I was qualified for duty as a chaplain. I see it as a much-needed ministry that needs to be filled by spiritually motivated men of God."

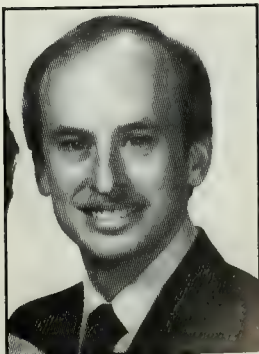
Currently in his first tour of duty as a chaplain, Nix serves with the Destroyer Squadron-35 in Pearl Harbor, HI where he works with a squadron of seven ships with 2,100 personnel.

Both Dayne and his wife, Linda, 35, grew up in the Arvada church and were married shortly after her high school graduation. They have three daughters, Shayna, 13, Karen, 10, and brand new Amy, born on September 2, and a son, Jaron, five.

The Nix continue to be members of the Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church.

John (Jack) Galle joined the ranks of Grace Brethren military chaplains last month when he arrived at the Naval Submarine School at Groton, CT. He is one of three Chaplains who minister to the 1,100 staff and 2,300 students there. The Naval Submarine School is the largest such school in the fleet.

Galle, a Lieutenant, has been serving in the U.S. Naval Reserve for the last two-and-one-half years at the Marine Air Base Squadron 49 in Willow Grove, NJ.



He entered the chaplaincy because of his burden for the men in the military. "By wearing the uniform, you can reach guys who would never come to church," he says. During the years in the reserve, this became greater until he decided to enlist full time.

Jack, 33, pastored the Grace Brethren Church at Hope, NJ from 1984 until he resigned to accept the chaplaincy position. During those years, he saw it move from being a Home Mission point to being a self-supporting church.

He and his wife, Judy, 34, have two daughters, Julie, nine, and Jackie, seven.



John L. Diaz, 44, recently was transferred to Pensacola, FL, where he serves as base chaplain. Until August of this year, he served on the USS Hunley, a submarine tender based at Norfolk, VA, where he was command chaplain for the 1,100 men and women stationed on the ship. He has also served as battalion chaplain for Marines based in Camp Pendleton, CA and

Okinawa, Japan and at the U.S. Navy boot camp at Orlando, FL. He has been a chaplain since 1981.

A Florida native, Diaz is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University with a B.S. in Physical Education and Grace Theological Seminary with a M.Div. degree.

He and his wife, Brenda, 45, have two children and one grandchild. They are members of the Grace Brethren Church, Orlando, FL.

James T. Elwell is the sole Grace Brethren Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force but that has not hindered him from impacting lives in that branch of the military. Since he entered as a chaplain in 1973, he has served on eight air bases, including Anderson Air Force Base in Guam and High Wycombe Air Station in Great Britain. This summer he was assigned to the Tactical Air Command headquarters in Virginia where he serves in staff agency capacity for chaplain readiness and inspectors for 24 Tactical Air Command bases in the United States.



Entering the chaplaincy and the Air Force was almost a natural for the 40-year-old chaplain.

"My father served 27 years as an Air Force dental officer and our pastors were mainly chaplains."

he says. "The role models and environmental factors were part of my lifestyle."

He is a graduate of Ohio State University where he received a B.A. degree in English Literature. He was graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in 1972 with a M.Div. degree and also holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Virginia).

Friends in Campus Crusade at Ohio State introduced Elwell to his future wife, Cynthia. "Our first date was only two hours," he recalls. "We were engaged within six months."

The couple now has three children: Amy, 16; Kenneth, 14; and James, Jr., two.

Prior to going on active duty, Elwell pastored the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church in Akron, OH. Home now is the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Columbus, OH.

Grace Brethren Chaplains

Since 1943, more than 28 Grace Brethren men have served the United States Armed Forces as full-time chaplains. Some of them include:

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Hurricane Gilbert Impacts Church

It was labeled the most powerful Atlantic storm ever and was expected to plow into the southern coast of Texas full force. Hurricane Gilbert was cause for concern in Brownsville, a city of more than 84,000 people, and nearby McAllen, the newest site of a Grace Brethren church planting effort.

"We taped our windows," says Iris Soto, pastor's wife at McAllen and a native of the area, of their efforts to prepare for the storm.

When the storm actually hit south of the Texas-Mexico border, it spawned high winds and tornadoes.

While not as serious as anticipated, the storm impacted the church planting efforts. Their first Thursday evening Bible study was forced to be canceled and church planter Robert Soto had opportunity to share his faith with others in the community as he helped bag sand in downtown McAllen.

Robert, 36, and Iris, 32, returned to their home area in August to begin a new Grace Brethren Church. Opening Sunday is targeted for January 8 and until then the Sotos and their church-planting partners, Martin and Christy Guerenas, are building the core group through Bible studies and personal discipleship.

Robert is a graduate of Florida Bible College and recently received dual degrees from Grace Theological Seminary -- a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Christian School Administration.

He and Iris have two children, Daniel, eight and Rachel, three.

The Guerenas are appointees to Mexico under Grace Brethren Foreign Missions and are involved in language study in the McAllen area.

Johnson Named GBIF Director

James W. Johnson, of Wooster, OH, joined the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation in October as director designate. He will assume the leadership of the organization when Walter Fretz retires in December.

Johnson is spending the fall months traveling throughout the FGBC meeting with district ministeriums. He will also be developing a strategy to assure the continued strength of the GBIF and to guarantee that the future growth of the FGBC will continue to be assisted by low cost capital financing.

A member of the Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, OH, Johnson joins the staff with more than 20 years in banking and business experience. He currently serves as moderator of the Wooster church, serves on the official board, and is chairman of several committees.

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GARY MILLER began his ministry at the First Grace Brethren Church of Dayton, OH in August with ministry responsibilities in evangelism, discipleship and counseling. A reception was held and a money tree was presented to the family.



Gary Miller family with money tree.

TOM HUGHES has accepted the unanimous call of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, and began his ministry there October 1.

KEN BROWN has moved from Akron, OH, to pastor the East Side Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH.

GARY CRANDALL is the new pastor of the Findlay Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, OH.

BRAD LAMBRIGHT assumed senior pastoral duties at the Grace Brethren Church of Lima, OH.

DON FARNER has resigned from the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Sunnyside, WA. His future plans are uncertain at this time.

DAVE KENNEDY, former associate pastor at Canton, OH, is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Marion, OH.

The **ALTAVISTA GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH** has moved to a new location—that of Lynchburg, VA. The pastor, Tom Bryant, has also moved to the Lynchburg area.

SONYA AND SOPHIA BAER, 9-year-old twins of Sam and Betty

Baer, Dryhill, KY, competed with thirty sets of other twins in a talent contest in which there was no age distinction and won first place by singing the "Whippoorwill Song." Congratulations!

GARY TAYLOR assumed the senior pastoral position at Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, OH.

DENNIS BROWN is the new principal of the Brethren High School in Long Beach, CA.

MARTIN SIMS has been licensed by the Northcentral Ohio District. He and his wife, Joy, are headed for the mission field. Their home church is the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH.

The **1989 GRACE BRETHREN ANNUAL** will be placed in the mail in December. Copies will be mailed to all ministers and churches.

THE COMMUNITY BRETHREN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, CA, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on October 30. The theme was based on "Thanksgiving" for the fifty good years that God has blessed the church. Dr. Keith Altig, former missionary to Brazil and first pastor of the church, presented a challenging message of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness through the years. Following a fellowship time, a threefold communion service was celebrated.

THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF LITITZ, PA, hosted its eighteenth anniversary/missions celebration from September 25 to October 2, 1988. The guest speakers for the event included Dr. Robert Thompson, executive director of the Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, IN; Rev. James Custer, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH; and Rev. Vek Houn Taing, a Cambodian refugee who survived the "killing fields" and currently pastors the Grace Brethren Cambodian Church in Long Beach, CA.

ROBERT COMBS pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Norton, OH, was presented the "Pastor of

the Year Award". He was presented with a plaque and a check for \$50 from the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers.

Grace Schools Names Vice President

Grace Schools President Dr. John Davis has announced the appointment of Charles G. Rodriguez as Vice President for Institutional Advancement (formerly the Grace Schools Development Department). He comes to Grace from his post as Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

Rodriguez is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He holds a MBA degree in marketing and general management from Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago and a M.A. in communications research and marketing strategy from Wheaton College Graduate School.

Under his leadership at Wheaton, unrestricted foundation gifts doubled and the number of new corporate donors for restricted multi-year contributions tripled.

Rodriguez assumed his new duties at Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN on October 17.

MARRIAGES

CALLAHAN: Shawn Hammer and Patrick Callahan, August 20, 1988, at the Kachemak Bay Grace Brethren Church, Homer, AK. Louis Amundson, pastor.

CORNWELL: Juliet Russell and Richard Cornwell, August 12, 1988. The wedding was conducted by the groom's father, Pastor Richard Cornwell.

ESHELMAN: Ilene Joy Brown and Kirk Eshelman, June 25, 1988. They were married in the Pike Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA. Lyle Sweeney, pastor.

ROOK: Becky Lilly and John Rook, September 3, 1988, in the

Grace Brethren Church of Homerille, OH, Robert Holmes, pastor.

STAUFFER: Becky Mitchell and Steven Stauffer, September 17, 1988, in the Suburban Grace Brethren Church of Hatboro, PA. Gary Gnagey, pastor.

VOLF: Beverly Momeyer and Monty Wolf, August 27, 1988. The wedding was held in the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, pastor.

DEATHS

BARNARD, Ferne, 92, October 10, 1988. She was the widow of Dr. Russell D. Barnard and a faithful member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, pastor.

BROCK, Chalyce Y., 19, October 15, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

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NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT, (pg. 62), under the Ministerium heading, John Bryant is the Secretary/Treasurer. Also, under the District Mission Board, Morgan Burgess is the treasurer. His address is: 834 E. Dublin, Granville, Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229. The next district conference will be held in the Grace Brethren Church in Delaware, Ohio.

Ministerium Survey On Baptism and Church Membership Being Conducted

The National Ministerium of our Grace Brethren Churches is conducting a survey among its membership to determine where they stand on baptism and church membership issues. The survey has been mailed to all members of the association and covers questions on personal positions on baptism and membership and the position of the local church on these topics. It includes questions on relationships between the Fellowship and member churches as well as positions on

communion. The survey forms are to be returned by December 23rd.

Roughs Honored for Twenty-five Years of Ministry

The Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, PA, honored Pastor Don and Dottie Rough on Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct 30 for 25 years of ministry in their church. The Deacon and Deaconess committee began planning the surprise celebration in January of this year.

On Saturday evening, about 300 persons gathered to welcome the surprised couple. Testimonies of their ministry, songs and personal notes of thanks filled the evening with fun and a warm feeling of appreciation.

On Sunday morning, the celebration took on a more serious note with the committee conducting the worship service in which thanks were expressed to the Roughs. A scrapbook of letters, a plaque and gifts were given by members of the congregation to express their appreciation.

The Roughs came to Johnstown from Kittanning, PA, where Don was serving as assistant to William Schaffer. Since the Roughs came to Johnstown, a new church was built and dedicated about five years ago. Don and Dottie have remained faithful through the victorious and the difficult times, and the two days of celebration gave a much deserved note of thanks to both of them.

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which has been chosen as our theme
or this conference -- Matthew 9:36-38.
en He saw the multitudes, He was
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t and were scattered abroad, as sheep
o shepherd. Then said He unto His
The harvest truly is plenteous but
ers are few. Pray ye, therefore, that
he harvest, that He will send forth
into His harvest."

ng last year's conference theme "Pur-
Passion" with its great emphasis on
e committee for this year's conference
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reaching out with compassion to the
and physical needs of men. Thus this
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ook back in chapter nine, particular-
35, you will see that Jesus had just

completed a successful preaching tour through
Galilee. This was in the early part of His
ministry. He was probably just about at the
height of His popularity with the people.
Thousands of people were following Him. The
strong opposition of the Jewish religious
leaders had not yet galvanized into outward
hatred and persecution. This was Jesus'
greatest hour of opportunity. He could have
been king. In fact, a short time later when He
fed 5,000 men beside the women and children
(probably at least 15,000 people present on
that occasion), they wanted to take Him by
force and make Him a king. He could have
capitalized on that popularity, proclaimed
Himself king, and led a popular uprising
against Rome. However, Jesus didn't see crowds
like most of us do. We're accustomed to seeing
thousands gathered in athletic stadiums or
hundreds of thousands on our TV screens mar-
ching in protest somewhere in the world. To
us it is just a mass of humanity. Jesus saw the
multitude in a different way. He saw needs and
an opportunity that most of us never see.

The Scripture says He was "moved with com-
passion" -- and by the way, that's a very strong
term. It doesn't mean He just felt a little sorry
for them. It comes from a word meaning
"bowels" which was considered in that day the
very seat of a person's emotions. We'd say He
was "heart sick." He was "moved with com-
passion" -- why? For two reasons: (1) because
He saw these people "as a sheep having no
shepherd," and (2) because He saw them as a
vast "harvest" with only a few laborers.

Dear friends, we'll never hear Jesus' "Call
to Compassion" until we begin to see people
like Jesus did. It says first that He saw them
as "sheep having no shepherd." Now, He saw
them first just like you and I do -- probably
average people with families, most of them
shepherds, farmers or fishermen -- not much
different from you and me. However, Jesus saw
something you and I can't see. He could look
inside their lives and see hungry hearts and
searching souls. Because He was God in the
flesh He could see the needs of people's hearts
and souls, and if you and I are going to ex-
perience the compassion He knew, we're going

to have to see those same needs. But we're not God, we can't see the souls of men as He saw them. The only way we're going to see those needs, see people "as sheep having no shepherd", is to get involved in their lives!

That's what one of the emphases of this conference is all about -- getting involved in the lives of neglected people -- the handicapped, girls who are pregnant, helpless and hopeless men and the unloved. It's what the "Family to Family" evangelism program that I've been trying to emphasize this past year is all about -- getting involved in people's lives by helping them when they hurt, going out of our way to reach out and show love to them even when we risk being rejected, spending time to be involved with them when we'd rather be alone by ourselves or with our own family or other Christians. That may not be easy, but it's the only way in the world that we'll ever be able to see people like Jesus saw them. He saw their needs because He could see their hearts, and we'll see those needs only when they begin to open their hearts and lives to us because they see that we care. That takes a commitment of your will, a purpose to sacrifice your time and willingness to risk being hurt or rejected. But believe me, it's worth the risk!

When we do, we begin to see them primarily with one great need -- "as sheep having no shepherd." They weren't weak or sick. They just didn't have anybody to show them which way to go. Oh, they had religious leaders, men who could quote Scripture and make religious pronouncements, but they didn't have anybody to protect them from harm, feed their starving souls and show them which way to go. What they needed was a shepherd who cared about them.

That's what your neighbors need, too. They don't need a neighbor who is a theological stuffed shirt! Don't misunderstand me. This Book alone is bread for the sinner and milk and meat for the child of God, and we'd better be sure that we present that food unadulterated. But men, like sheep, won't follow you to food until they trust you and know that you care. Grace Brethren people need to get involved in the lives of sinners!

The Bible says Jesus also saw these people as a harvest just about ready to pass away because there weren't enough laborers. In a similar passage in John 4:35 Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

I was raised in the farm country of Indiana, and I don't want to make too much of this, but I'm not sure this is what Jesus meant, but I can tell you that a field of wheat isn't ripe when it's white. It's ripe when you can pluck off one of those heads of wheat, rub it out in your hand, blow away the chaff, and those

kernels of wheat are golden brown with a high luster or shine about them. That's when they're ripe. But if you don't get a combine in that field at that time, perhaps because of too much rain or for some other reason, the tips of those grains will begin to turn grayish white in color, and if you don't get the harvest almost immediately, it will begin to turn black with rot and it will be gone. Jesus was using this illustration to say one thing -- urgency! These people are about to be lost!

Let me ask you something -- when was the last time you ever heard somebody preach on hell? Preacher, when did you last preach on hell? Oh, I know that we say we believe it, but it doesn't grip our hearts anymore. We prefer the "positive" approach. We'd rather tell men that God loves them and has a great gift for them. Don't misunderstand me. I believe we ought to be as tactful as possible and use every legitimate approach in presenting the gospel, but we've got to get right down to telling men that they're lost and headed for hell and this is what they deserve before a holy God, the words must stick in our throats. When did you last hear over somebody you love who is without Christ? I know that doesn't happen to me as often as it should! Jesus saw these people as a harvest about to be forever lost because as we just said, "nobody wants to work in My field!"

I've been praying that during this conference we may experience not just emotion reactions to the stirring challenges of speakers, but that through these speakers, the Spirit of God may convict us of our selfishness, lack of love and vision and help us to see people like Jesus saw them -- as a harvest just about to be forever lost. I pray that we may be committed to action and involvement in people's lives that will enable us to see them like Jesus did, and that we're not having a shepherd.

It is because of this that I have sought to establish three goals for our Fellowship, our churches and our individual lives during this past year in which I have served as Moderator. The first goal is really a fulfillment of the request of last year's Moderator, Rev. Tom Julien. Following the "Day With God" emphasis last year, we have sought to put this emphasis to include churches in our lands. Therefore, May 15 was designated as "International Day With God" this year. I am thankful for the wide participation in this special day and the resulting testimonies of spiritual blessing which came about as a result of setting aside this day for worship and devotion. A special joy was mine to receive reports not only from our missionaries, but also from Grace Brethren national pastors and people all over the world telling of their plans for

is day. Like last year's Moderator, I encourage our churches to continue to use these special times for prayer. Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing," and because of our own sinful natures and because of the spiritual battle in which we are engaged, there will be no vision, no love, and no effect without fervent prayer.

Second goal has been a challenge to our church to become involved in some sort of ministry to groups which have often been neglected by evangelical churches. It has been our goal that in the early days of this century the Bible-believing Christians that ministered to the hospitals, ministered to the orphaned educational institutions, and ministered against social injustices. Because this was not the primary message of churches and denominations which have departed from the message of salvation, many evangelical churches have neglected this goal lest they be labeled as preaching a "social gospel." This is sad and a reproach upon the gospel message.

Last year I took a survey to seek to determine what is being done in these areas of our churches. I was gratified to receive responses from approximately 100 churches. All but three had some sort of ministry to social groups. It was interesting to note that only 40 percent of those responding were involved in some kind of crisis pregnancy ministry. It speaks of the increasingly tragic need in our area. If you and your church are not involved in a definite ministry to one or more of these groups, I would remind you of the many passages of Scripture which speak of our responsibility to these people -- such as the story of the Good Samaritan, the many admonitions concerning caring for the poor, Jesus' words about visiting those in prison, and many others.

Third goal, and this has been the most neglected of all, has been to challenge our churches and people to a year of "Family to Family" evangelism -- one family setting a goal and seeking to reach one other family by June 30 of this year.

Thankful for those who have written to me of the involvement of your churches in one way or another in this "Family to Family" evangelism. Let me encourage you to continue this emphasis. As one pastor has said, "I like the Family to Family emphasis. We need to build relationships. Let's see what we can develop this in one year's time. Keep it up! Keep on keeping on building relationships with unsaved people that open the doors to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Continue the days with God, reach out to neglected peoples, and set your heart and mind to build those relationships whereby you

can reach a family for Christ. In the text passage Jesus said to pray for laborers for the harvest. In the similar passage in John, chapter four, He said, to look on the fields which are white unto harvest. That's a great combination -- prayer and vision. Without vision prayer is hypocritical, without prayer vision is powerless. God gives us both!

Like last year's Moderator, I believe God has given us a destiny to fulfill in the final decade of this century and He has given us a great calling. I don't know of any group with a greater responsibility because of the spiritual light that we have received. Our motto has been, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible." If that's true, then I would remind you that Jesus said, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." That's a sobering thought! However, may I hasten to add, I don't know of any group I'd rather be a part of. Too much has been heard in recent years about our differences and problems. We need to realize what we have! I've heard it from the lips of others who come into our Fellowship from outside, and we need to see it, too. Let me just name some things:

First of all, I thank God that I am in a Fellowship of churches where every church and pastor so far as I know is committed to the Bible as the verbally-inspired Word of God and committed to the message of salvation by grace through faith in the substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the dead. I thank God for this!

There was a time several years ago when I was in evangelistic work that I had preached in nearly half of all of the Grace Brethren churches in America. I thank God that I never had to worry when going into the church that the pastor or people were going to say, "Now don't spend too much time talking about the blood of Christ here. We don't emphasize that very much. Don't go overboard on this matter of the bodily resurrection of Christ. You know, there's a lot of different interpretations of that. Don't preach about Jesus coming again. Our people have progressed past that kind of literalism." I never had one pastor or one lay person who ever tried to influence my preaching the whole counsel of God. I thank God for a fellowship of churches unanimously committed to proclaiming the Bible as the verbally-inspired message of God to the souls of men!

Second, I thank God that we have a school, Grace College and Grace Seminary, that stands without apology for the inspiration, inerrancy and absolute authority of the Scriptures. This sounds very similar to what I have just said about the Fellowship of churches. It is, and there's a reason for that. For over fifty

years Grace Seminary has been training pastors who now stand in our pulpits to proclaim the Bible as God's authoritative Word, and the great majority of our pastors are the products of that school. I thank God I don't have to worry about recommending a student to attend there for fear that he will have his faith stolen. I don't have to fear that he will be confronted with a professor who says, as was true in the section of the country where I come from, "You believe in a kind of Biblical fundamentalism that I thought died out years ago." What that poor professor didn't realize is that it is his own empty liberalism that is dying on the vine. Biblical fundamentalism is alive and well and growing in churches all over this country!! I'm glad I don't have to worry about the president of Grace Seminary saying in a sermon that salvation is not by the blood atonement as was said by a school president in my region of the nation! I thank God for Grace Seminary!! It now stands at its greatest hour of opportunity. With the opening of Grace West in Long Beach, California, and through Grace Seminary Extension in Europe and with possibilities of extension in other parts of the world, this school is at its greatest hour of opportunity and challenge. Let's pray for that school and support it! Let me say in passing that I commend the President and the Dean of the Seminary for the recent curriculum revision with renewed emphasis upon ministry. I recently read with joy and delight the following words from the Dean: "Master of Divinity and Master of Theology students at Grace are going to experience a new practicality to the seminary training they receive, through enhanced classroom work in pastoral ministries and required experiences in evangelism and teaching." I said, "Hallelujah!" But there's more. He further states. "We at Grace are deeply committed to the lofty goals of theological integrity and academic excellence, but not to the exclusion of spiritual vitality which is an issue that focuses on the student's relationship with God and others. . . . Our curriculum requires that students get practical field experience in various aspects of church ministry. Two required field education seminars in evangelism and teaching will help to reinforce the importance of these duties and provide the practical skill to carry them out in pastoral ministry." I am glad for this new emphasis. As I have already said, I thank God for a school that is committed to the verbal inspiration of the Bible. However, let us always remember that in the theme text of this conference, Jesus said that which people need above all else is a shepherd. There were scholars in Jesus' day, and we absolutely must have scholarly preaching today, but the great need of the hour in this nation is men who

thoroughly know and know how to teach the English Bible and men who love and know how to reach people for Christ and minister to them. Without this, as the saying goes, "the ball game is over."

Not only do I thank God for a Fellowship of churches that is unanimously committed to the proclamation of the Bible as the Word of God and for a school that is standing in the apologetic for the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture, but there's a third thing "we've got going for us." Here it is: We have a commitment to the Great Commission. What that I mean that we are committed to the spread of the gospel to men and women who are without Christ -- in this country and around the world. Many of you have seen the statistics that Pastor John Teevan put together a year ago concerning the number of religious missionaries we have for our size in comparison with other denominations in the country. In case you didn't, let me give you a few: We have 186 missionaries out of about 42,000 members. That means there is one missionary for every 225 people. Compare our size with other groups, if we had the same ratio as the Evangelical Free church we would have 97 missionaries. If we had the same ratio as the Assembly of God, we'd have only 2 compared to the Southern Baptists, we would have only 10.

I haven't seen statistics, but I dare say the same is true with our home mission outreach. We are unanimously committed to the spread of the gospel around the world, and we take the Great Commission seriously. It's not evaluating how good a job we're doing, it's at least we're unanimously committed to it. I thank God for that! However, both of our ministries are hurting financially right now because we do have such a commitment. I do not believe the answer to those needs is greater giving on our part, although I am sure that most of us do not really give sacrificially for the spread of the gospel. I am sure that there are thousands of dollars in the pockets of Brethren people that God wants to be used in the support of these missionaries. Now do I believe that the primary answer to the establishment of more churches. The primary answer to meeting the financial needs of our growing foreign and home missionary work is not only the establishment of additional new churches, but the commitment to evangelism on the part of pastors and people of churches already established in order that a large number might be built to support and send more missionaries at home and abroad! I thank God for every emphasis given to this which I have heard today. This is the burden of the leaders of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. Whether they're doing it best or whether they're not

I know the hearts of some of those whose hearts bleed for evangelism in churches. Ed Lewis and the Christ-Department has had a motto for a while, "Hoping to Help." And, thank God, they have 120 young people out this year all of whose ministries are basically in evangelism. The Brethren Missionary Herald gladly helps through freely promangelistic literature and materials for free. The W.M.C. seeks to help ladies grow and grow through discipleship and prayer ministries. The national organization is concerned for the same purposes, although I will have more to say about this shortly.

Let me just summarize by saying again that I thank God for the Grace Brethren Church. We have! I honestly don't know of any other church that I'd rather be a part of. There is a commitment to the proclamation of the Word of God in all our churches, a school that stands without apology for inspiration, inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures, and we have a universal commitment to the Great Commission. That can't be said of many groups!

In any way, this is not unlike the commitment of the first Brethren that came to this country from Germany in the 1700's. Dr. David Martin in his historical studies of the early Brethren has come up with some interesting conclusions. He has noted that there were three things above all else to which these Brethren were committed. First, they were committed to the inspiration and authority of the Bible. They not only believed the Bible was the Word of God, but they believed that they were committed to it. However, it said. It was just that simple. Second, they were committed to mission. In F. Durnbaugh's book, *Meet The Brethren*, he states, "In the fall of 1724 all four Brethren members at Germantown embarked on an evangelistic journey into the hinterlands. There is some question as to whether there were thirteen or seventeen male members at Germantown, but either one would be a good thing. Think of that! After all the crops had failed, all the men of the church went out on an evangelistic mission! We need some commitment of that kind of Brethren today! Third, and last thing to which they were committed was a commitment to the Great Commission. Brethren, we need more of that today. In fact, I want to say that I'm thankful to the Grace Brethren Church. I feel about the Fellowship like a pastor said to me 30 years ago at his wife. He said, "The more I see of men's wives, the more I thank God for them." I'm glad I can say that not only about the Fellowship, but I can say it about this Fellowship. I see of others the more I thank God

for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches -- and I don't say that with any sense of Pharisaical pride; I say it humbly and gratefully to God. We need a sense of commitment to each other.

In spite of the fact that we have so much "going for us", I see subtle and powerful forces which I fear may keep us from fulfilling our destiny as we approach the end of this century. They are probably recognized by most people here today, but they don't seem to alarm us very much. Two seem especially dangerous to me.

First, there is the affluent and self-centered lifestyle in which we live here in the United States of America. It may seem strange that I should mention this when we are meeting in the most luxurious setting I have seen in my life. However, there were very practical reasons why this site was chosen. I'm not talking about where we may go for a vacation or where we may be gathered for a special convention. I'm speaking of the self-indulgent, materialistic, "good life" philosophy which seems to permeate the very air that we breathe in this society. I sometimes think that it is more difficult to be a spiritual Christian in America than almost anywhere else in the world. I realize that this is what the Devil would have me believe in order to discourage me, but I remember something Dr. John Davis said when speaking to last year's conference. He had been talking with a pastor somewhere in his speaking itinerary and unassumingly asked the pastor, "How's your work going?" The pastor replied, "Materialism is killing us!" I'm afraid all too many pastors would have to give that reply. In preparation for this message, I sent a survey to all the moderators of the various districts and to the chairmen of all district ministeriums. Among other things, I asked what they felt were the great needs in our churches and our Fellowship. I asked what challenge they would like to hear given in this year's Moderator's address. Over and over again, I heard cries for personal holiness and godliness, both on the part of pastors and people. To me, one pastor expressed it very well, and I quote:

"I think that the root of our problem, the sin that we are refusing to face, is that the F.G.B.C. is a satisfied people who hardly need God. As American Christians and Fundamentalists, we have arranged our lives in such a way that we can maintain an acceptable Christian lifestyle while depending on God as little as possible. I find it interesting to listen to the testimonies of my brothers and sisters. They may live for years searching to put "life" into their Christianity, but it is not

until some major tragedy or hardship that they experience a personal revival. Revival came only when they realized that they desperately needed God. For revival to occur in our Fellowship, pastors must put the struggle back into their preaching -- a struggle we are doomed to fail unless God is with us. We must need God. When we repent from our self-sufficiency God will restore, and the fields of the G.B.C. will again blossom."

I can identify with that. Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not of the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15), and yet we are constantly pressured by a culture desperately seeking to find life in these very things. The soul that has tasted real life in Jesus Christ can find satisfaction nowhere else. A few years ago, I spent three weeks with our missionaries and national Christians in Africa. Life out there is reduced to basic needs and simplicity. My heart was touched as I met and loved people whose language I couldn't speak but whose hearts communicated with mine in our common bond in Christ. Tears spilled out of my eyes in one church service when the young people's choir came in from the rear of the church singing in English (missionaries had taught them the song for our benefit) "I want to see my Jesus." Somehow when I got home from that trip and sat down in our family room I just didn't want to go over and turn on the TV set. It and so many other things around me seemed so empty and shallow. I had experienced oneness in Jesus Christ and nearness to Him, and nothing else would satisfy. My hat's off to our missionaries -- foreign missionaries who struggle to break down barriers, suffer disappointment when someone fails into whom you've poured your life, suddenly find your power to buy food has dropped 25%, and many other struggles. Home missionaries are the same. They may have only a small, struggling group of people, be 25 to 100 miles from the nearest fellow-pastor, and feel the pressure to succeed. I admire home mission congregations. They may be a dedicated small group who have sacrificed many opportunities for their family in a large church to see a new testimony established. They may have seen two or three pastors come and go -- and yet they persist! Yet missionaries and pioneers need revival, too. Tom Julien sent a letter asking for prayer for missionaries on the International Day With God. There were two requests: (1) Pray for renewed vision for all our missionary staff, with renewed focus on soul winning and ministry, and (2) Pray for love and a spirit of team work. I said, "Tom, those are exactly what our pastors and churches need at home!" As Vance Havner

said, "When it comes to holiness, the standard bearers -- our missionaries -- are way ahead of the rest of us. We need a relation with God alone that will cause us to lose our appetite for materialistic, self-indulgent, superficial lifestyle all around us."

The second great problem that threatens our society which has glorified the man, the career woman and the self-indulgent teenager is destroying the homes of America and the tragedy is that Christian homes are infected by the same philosophy. About 50% of the homes in America are breaking up and the statistics are not much lower in the evangelical Christian world. I don't know where the statistics are in Grace Brethren churches.

Our homes and churches are hurting. I have a statistic in my church which I've often told and other pastors can hardly believe. I have been pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Marietta, Georgia for fifteen years this month. During that time, with the exception of late 1970s, who joined our church after she was 80 years old, I have not had one funeral of a member of my church. I have funeral services for folks who have attended our church for 20 years, relatives of members, but not one church member. It's almost unbelievable. But we've had other kinds of wounds. We've had teen pregnancies. We've had homes that have broken up, sometimes some who have been ministerial in the church. We've been wounded those ways, and I suspect my church isn't much different from yours. As I go into church evangelistic meetings I sometimes wonder if God can do anything at all in our churches when I see the condition of Christian homes which are supposed to be a picture to the world of that wonderful union between the church and our Lord Jesus Christ. We need a new commitment to the home and family as prescribed in the Word of God. God created the home to carry out His plan for its operation, and there is only one question to ask by young Christians contemplating marriage, one question to ask husbands and wives as they seek solutions to the problems of their relationships. It is, "What will make my home better?" It is, "What will make me happier?" It is, "What will solve the problems of our home?" The only question that really matters is, "What does the Bible tell me to do, and with the strength and power of my Lord I'll do it." It is only then that answers will be found to all the other questions. When husbands again become the support of their family, not expecting wives to be the co-bread winner and without reservation or conditions commit themselves to their wives as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25-32).

mean sacrificing themselves on behalf of wives and taking the right kind of achievement benefit of their wives demanding nothing in return); when wives realize that their first calling in life is to support and help their husbands; when wives take responsibility for the training of sons and daughters, disciplining them in the way as to gain respect, not venting their wrath causing the children to be angered and outraged; and when mothers find their fulfillment not in a career outside the home but in managing the home and loving and training their children, we then will begin to have strong Christian homes in which the father with mother and daddy's standards and authority to know mother and daddy's God and to come of their own like the one in which they were raised.

During this year, I have two recommendations to bring to this conference and to our Fellowship: I recommend that the three goals which I presented before the churches during this year be continued and strengthened:

1. In last year's Moderator in recommending the Day With God be continued in all churches -- perhaps one International Day With God this year in which all churches join in a world-wide prayer, and also other days of special prayer encouraged by local churches throughout the year.

2. That every church not now having some special ministry to a neglected group seek to establish such a ministry -- a prison ministry, a special effort to reach and minister to the handicapped, support for pregnancy centers, spiritual and financial help to the poor, efforts to minister to minority groups in your community and such like.

3. That each church seek to give renewed greater emphasis to evangelism during the coming year. As I see it, there are three kinds of evangelism: (a) Mass evangelism, that door-to-door witnessing, passing out of gospel tracts and speaking the loving word for Christ at every opportunity. I want to challenge everyone today and the people of our churches to set a personal goal to pass out a gospel tract or speak a kind and loving word for the Lord Jesus Christ every day. (b) That your goal. I know the criticism has often been leveled at so-called "one-on-one" people. I'm not talking about that kind of tactless, rude bullying people. I'm just challenging you to ask to give you the privilege of sharing the Word of Christ with someone every day. I expect that there are people here

today that have been won to Christ by just such a testimony. If we never share Christ until relationships are built, the world will go to hell while we're building relationships. (b) Relationship evangelism. Yes, I do believe in relationship evangelism. This is what the Family to Family evangelism program this year has been all about. This is tough. It requires sacrifice of time and effort to get involved in people's lives. It runs the risk of being hurt through rejection. It may take weeks and months of patient kindness and love. Above all it requires a consistent Christian life which is open before those whom you seek to reach. Don't let this Family to Family evangelism emphasis die! If you've tried and been unsuccessful this past year, pray harder. Ask God to open lives and homes that now seem impossible. God can do it. I know. I've seen it happen this past year! (c) Preaching evangelism. Yes, I believe in the call of the evangelist, and I don't believe the day of evangelistic meetings has passed. However, this kind of evangelism is practically useless unless the first two, mass evangelism and relationship evangelism, are taking place in the local churches. My first recommendation to our churches is to give renewed emphasis to evangelism, all three kinds.

2. My second recommendation is that our pastors and local churches give renewed emphasis to the importance and sanctity of the Christian home. Let us help our young people through teaching and personal counseling to understand the great importance and spiritual responsibility of moral purity and life-long commitment of marriage. Not only should we teach the Biblical principles of marriage, but we increasingly need to emphasize to our young people that marriage is for life! I'm afraid the "nice church wedding" is what most young people think about rather than the solemnity of standing before God and men vowing to commit oneself to his or her partner for life. Pastors and counsellors, read those vows slowly and carefully to the couples you are about to marry.

May I close and summarize by saying again that I love and thank God for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches which means I love and thank God for each one of you. Hundreds of you I know personally, and I believe you are representative of the thousands that I have never met. I want to see our local church and our national Fellowship stand for the authority of the Word of God, committed to the ordinances which distinguish us, and dedicated to world evangelization.

I pray that we may be delivered from the philosophy of materialism, secularism and self-indulgence which seems to permeate the very air we breathe in this society in which we live. I pray that God may give us such a hunger for reality and power with Him that nothing else will matter. I pray that we may know a sacrificial commitment to our Lord, our homes, to each other and to world evangelization. If we fail in these things, all our commitment to orthodoxy and ordinances will leave us like a ship dead in the water -- beautiful but going nowhere. I pray for strong men -- men who will lead by example both in their homes and in their local churches. Last of all, I pray that we may see the multitudes around us as Jesus saw

them, a sheep without a shepherd to protect them and as a vast harvest to pass away. May we pray that the Lord's harvest will cast forth laborers into the world and add the words of Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." Then also add, "Yes, Lord, send children too."

May this hunger for holiness, this vision of a harvest that is perishing, this love and commitment to each other and this burden for godly homes be sensed among us during the next days together. Let us pray that we may meet God in such a wonderful and specific way that these longings shall be satisfied before we leave this place.

Business Sessions

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August 1, 1988

Moderator Dean Fetterhoff called the first session of the 99th Annual Conference Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches meeting in Palm Desert, California, August 5, 1988. Moderator Fetterhoff prayed.

tion prevailed that the official list of churches of the FGBC consist of those listed on pages 71-89 of the 1988 Brethren Annual with the exception of leaving 3 churches which have disbanded drawn from the fellowship:

C of Hemet, Hemet, Calif.

C of Mt. Laurel, N.J.

BC of Staten Island, N.Y.

rious reports to the conference the ship Committee reported a total of 258 trial delegates and 463 lay delegates for a total of 721 delegates.

tion prevailed to accept the following churches into the FGBC.

land GBC, Anchorage, Alaska

e Community Church, Los Alamitos,

tion prevailed to adopt the proposed as printed with the following changes:

10 - 13 on Monday postponed till Tues.

10 on Tues. postponed till Wed.

PROPOSED AGENDA

August 1, 1988, 10:45 a.m.

Business Session

l to order, Dean Fetterhoff, Moderator
sentation of member churches in
BC, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Secretary
ial report of the Membership Committee,
John Gregory, Chairman
ting of delegates from member
churches

sentation of new churches to be
eived into the FGBC, Fellowship
ouncil

ditional report of the Membership Committee, John Gregory, Chairman

ting of delegates from the newly
eived churches

sentation of the proposed agenda,
Charles Ashman, Conference Coordinator

approval of any newly formed districts
ort of the Nominating Committee,

win Cashman, Chairman

ction of Conference Officers for 1988-89
ction of members to the Fellowship

ouncil

ort of the Committee of the
oderator's Address, Tom Julien,
airman

14. Report of the Committee on Social Concerns, Don Shoemaker, Chairman

15. Adjournment

Tuesday, August 2, 1988, 10:45 a.m.

Second Business Session

1. Call to order, Dean Fetterhoff, Moderator
2. Approval of the minutes of business session One

3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, John Gregory, Chairman

4. Report of the elections — Conference Officers and Fellowship Council

5. Report of the Strategy and Planning Committee, James Custer, Chairman

6. Report of the GBC Board of Christian Education and the election of members to that board, Bernie Simmons, President

7. Report of the GBC Brethren Evangelism Ministries and the election of members to that board, Ron Thompson, Chairman

8. Report of the Resolutions Committee, Dean Risser, Chairman

9. Report on the Chaplains' Ministry, Don Carter Endorsing Agent

10. Report on the Reorganization of Endorsing Agent Ministry, Jerry Young

11. Unfinished Business

12. Adjournment

Wednesday, August 3, 1988, 10:45 a.m.

Third Business Session

1. Call to order, Dean Fetterhoff, Moderator
2. Approval of the minutes of the second business session

3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, John Gregory, Chairman

4. Report of the FGBC Council activities

5. Report of the appointment of committees by the Fellowship Council

6. Election of the Nominating Committee

7. Report of the Conference Statistician, Sherwood Durkee

8. Report of the Conference Treasurer, Larry Chamberlain

9. Report of the Retirement Planning Committee, Larry Chamberlain, Chairman

10. Report of the Auditing and Finance Committee, Fellowship Council, Don Eshelman

11. Report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men, Howard Mayes

12. Report on the time and place for the 1989 conference, Charles Ashman, Conference Coordinator

13. Additional reports

14. Unfinished business

15. New Business

16. Installation of the New Conference Officers and Council Members
17. Adjournment (sine die)

Don Shoemaker presented the following report for the Committee on Social Concerns.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

This year's report of the Social Concerns Committee is dominated by our concern over a film about to be released from Universal Studios which is a mockery to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and an offense to Christians everywhere. The film is titled, "The Last Temptation of Christ." It is a matter of the highest urgency that we address this issue at this conference and that we return to our churches and communities ready to engage in spiritual conflict against this assault on our Master.

Therefore, the Social Concerns Committee gives you the following report and defers its allotted time to Dr. Larry Poland of the Mastermedia, a non-profit ministry which shares Christ with leaders of the film and television industry and shows Christians how they can have a positive influence on the media.

In the past year, major duties of our committee included:

- 1) Offering significant advice and being involved in the planning of this conference, which is devoted to the role of Christians and the church in the social issues of our time. Our committee also operated a social concerns exhibit.
- 2) Producing three mailings to our churches. The first communicated last year's "Continuing Resolution on Religious Freedom" to the churches. The second contained essays written by the committee chairman entitled "Perspectives on Personhood in the Abortion Debate" and "Ethics in the Twilight of Life." the third mailing covered a number of miscellaneous contemporary issues.
- 3) Informing itself on the new Universal Pictures film, "The Last Temptation of Christ" and recommending a course of action to the Conference in the form of the following Resolution:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE FILM "THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST"

As believers in the Historical Christ revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures, we deplore the reported depiction of Jesus Christ in the Universal Pictures film, "The Last Temptation of Christ."

We resolve to work against this project the following ways:

- 1) To engage in earnest prayer that the success of this film, might be thwarted by our Sovereign God.
- 2) To urge that our church memberships establish contact with local theater owners through courteous and thoughtful letters and

telephone calls. Theater owners should be told that this film is an attack on our personal faith in Christ and that we implore them not to show the film. Contact should especially be made with Universal's own Cineplex Odeon theaters. 3) We urge our church memberships to write to film production companies other than Universal Pictures. These companies should be told that we appreciate that they have not defamed our faith in the manner of "The Last Temptation of Jesus." The companies should be asked to use their influence to encourage Universal Pictures not to release the film. Because of the imminent release date of the film, we urge that these actions be undertaken with the utmost urgency.

- 4) Serving as resource people to our pastors and churches on matters of social ethics and social action.

For the coming year, we urge our churches to pursue the spirit of previous recommendations. Namely, stand firm for religious freedom in America; cooperate with or begin your own local crisis pregnancy center; maintain high standards of pastoral counseling and church discipline with great care; be involved in biblically-related social and moral issues through many avenues, including political action, but do not allow God's church to become congruent with any particular social movements or political agenda.

We encourage all our Brethren people to read Charles Colson's book, *Kingdoms in Conflict*. We encourage, and are willing to help, any local church to start a Social Concerns Committee. This committee should, among other things, develop a network throughout the church for quick response to social and moral issues.

We encourage similar networking throughout the Brethren and non-brethren Evangelistic churches.

We desire to continue our committee's work the next year along the lines of recent years. We expect that a budget of \$1,000 will enable us to carry out this task.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Social Concerns Committee,

Dr. Donald P. Shoemaker, chairman

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

Ron Thompson gave the following report for GBC Brethren Evangelistic Ministries:

GBC BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES OUR ACTIVITIES

1. B.E.M. honored a man at last year's conference who has demonstrated a true commitment to evangelism. The Robert Collitt Memorial Award was given to Pastor Noel Gwaltney.

the Grace Brethren Church, Bangui,

quarterly publication, *B.E.M. Newsletter* containing articles, news and information relating to evangelism has been expanded, now being sent to 675 pastors, chaplains, missionaries.

We have shared a variety of stimulating articles on evangelism and renewal each month in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine. We shipped hundreds of free tracts, brochures and promotional materials to every district conference in our fellowship. We gave hundreds of copies of revival, prayer and evangelism to all pastors. Some of our directors were given authority to represent our ministry in several district conferences.

We organized, financed and conducted three First Love Renewals. Hundreds of lay people—more than 40 FGBC pastors attended. Over 100 public commitments were made for revival. We are developing our own teams capable of conducting First Love Renewals in a local church setting.

We are now the exclusive distributor for the materials produced by First Love International, and recently assumed the leadership responsibility for its products.

We have been praying, writing, telephoning and encouraging others that God wants to do a truly praiseworthy in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Attitudes are changing. A new and enthusiastic spirit seems to be coming from the response we are receiving from Grace Brethren people!

OUR DREAMS

It is our dream that the great need of our FGBC is the mobilization of every member to witness what the Lord has done for us and to share His mercy on us. B.E.M. has chosen to come and implant the philosophy and principles of First Love Renewal throughout our fellowship. We are not advocating a particular program, or pushing a specific program of evangelism, since there are many excellent ones available. God does not need better preachers, but better men! The Spirit of God is doing a work in our hearts! Our desire is revival! Therefore, our focus for the future is to reach all our 22 districts and 328 congregations with the opportunity to be involved in a First Love Renewal where Grace Brethren people can worship and share these Biblical principles together.

Invitations and inquiries have been received from several of our churches. One FLR has already been scheduled for 1989 at our church in Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. This will be four or five a year, either on a local basis, or in a district-wide effort.

OUR NEEDS

You, the people of our fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, brought us into existence, so you are our lifeline. Our only source of income is through the gifts from our churches. Some of you have included us on your envelopes and in your budgets. We praise the Lord and thank you for this! An extremely limited budget has prevented us from hiring a full-time staff. I continue to serve part-time as Coordinator from our office in Roanoke, Virginia.

We have poured thousands of dollars into First Love Renewals, materials and information designed to help our churches accomplish their Great Commission responsibility. We could do much more if we had the increased financial support. Brethren, please pray about this!

We are eternally grateful for the increased volume of prayer that has gone up for B.E.M. in recent years. God is blessing, and He is leading us to some new and exciting vistas of evangelism. I believe He is using us to help call our fellowship back to a new and fresh love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and ultimately, to lovingly reach the thronging masses of humanity who yet do not know Him. Please continue to pray for Brethren Evangelistic Ministries, for we are "your servants for Jesus sake" (II Cor. 4:5).

In His Great Faithfulness,
Ron E. Thompson, President

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Winona Lake, Indiana

SCHEDULE OF NET INCOME

For the Year Ended December 31, 1987

REVENUE

Income—churches	\$26,553
Income—churches Picard support	-0-
Income—individuals	558
Income—individuals Picard support	-0-
Income—districts	548
	<hr/> 27,659

COST OF PROVIDING REVENUE

Directors support	-0-
Directors Picard support	-0-
Presidents support	1,720
Office salaries	899
FICA expense	1,877
	<hr/> 4,496

GROSS MARGIN

23,163

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Herald and annual expense	2,361
Promotion	3,037
First Love seminar expense	7,470

Insurance	-0-
Seminar expense - DEO 80's	-0-
Presidents travel expense	430
Board members travel expense	4,347
Christian education scholarship	2,000
Telephone expense	586
Office supplies	1,947
	<u>22,178</u>

OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) 985

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	669
Gain on sale of asset	-0-
Miscellaneous income	-0-
Interest expense	(26)
Miscellaneous expense	(588)
	<u>55</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS) \$ 1,040

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1987

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$-0-
Savings Deposits	11,478
	<u>\$11,478</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Overdraft on checking account	\$173
Federal withholding tax payable	-0-
FCIA withholding tax payable	130
Total Current Liabilities	303

EQUITY	11,175
	<u>\$11,478</u>

Note: A letter of audit and approval from Plummer & Co., Inc., Certified Public Accountants accompanied the above financial report.

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

A motion prevailed that the following be placed in nomination for the B.E.M. Laymen: Earl Dohner and Tony DeRosa. Ministers: Phil Gueren, Vernon J. Harris, Garth Lindelef and William Cochran.

The election was then held and Laymen Earl Dohner and Tony DeRosa and Ministers Phil Gueren and Vernon J. Harris were elected.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Dean Risser gave the following report from the resolutions committee.

We resolve as a national fellowship of churches, as local churches and as individuals:

I. To make four personal commitments.

A. To spend quality time with Jesus Christ in the Word and in prayer.

B. To fellowship with and minister to the body of Christ.

C. To present the gospel to our relatives, associates and neighbors.

D. To live this day as though Christ will return momentarily.

II. To make four prayer commitments.

A. To pray daily for spiritual revival.

B. To pray daily for five unsaved people. Handful for Christ.

C. To pray daily for our pastors, ministers and other spiritual leaders.

D. To pray daily for those in authority.

The Resolutions Committee

Dean Risser, Chairman

Dick Mayhue

Ron Guiles

A motion prevailed to adopt this report that copies be made available for the congregation.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

SECOND SESSION, Tuesday August 2, 1988

Moderator Dean Fetterhoff called this second business session to order. Bernie Simpson led in prayer.

A motion prevailed that we approve the minutes of Monday's business as read by the secretary.

The membership committee presented an additional report bringing the total number of delegates for the second business session to 2 ministerial and 468 lay for a grand total of 470.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Edwin Cashman reported for the Nominating committee. A motion prevailed to present the following names in nomination. For Ministerial: Eastern Region, Wayne Hanna; Central Region, Robert Wagner; Western Region, James Custer, Ron Guiles, Paul Voth. For Laymen: Eastern Region, David Belcher, Richard John McIntosh.

A motion prevailed that Roger Light declared elected as the new moderator.

The election was then conducted. The following were elected to the Fellowship Council for four year terms: Eastern Region, Ed Kauffman; Central Region, James Custer; Western Region, John McIntosh.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator's address committee report was given by Tom Julien.

A message is always the expression of a man. The Moderator's Address Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation to Dean Fetterhoff for his example of faithfulness during the past thirty years in evangelism.

ministries, as well as his godly and influence in the life of our Fellowship. warmed by the expression of his strong ment to our family of believers, and by action that God has a destiny for our committee expresses its pleasure that erator chose to preach the Word and not read a document. His style of delivery ended with the urgency of his conviction. His exposition of Matthew 9:35-38, the of our conference, was direct and commend our Moderator for his careful

ensive communication during his year with the churches of our Fellowship their leaders and appreciate his agree-ree goals set for the past year which

the designation of May 15 as an Inter-Day with God, observed throughout ches of our Fellowship worldwide.

Encouragement of our churches to involved in a ministry to neglected in their communities.

Encouragement of people in our churches be actively involved in the lives of those not yet know the Lord through the o-Family program.

Appreciate our Moderator's reminder of ency of evangelism, including mass ism, relational evangelism and stic preaching.

Commend our Moderator for maintaining ance before acknowledging our asses and failures as a Fellowship while g our strengths which he identified as: be commitment of our pastors and s to the authority and inspiration and y of the Scriptures and the doctrine of n by grace through faith alone.

Schools which are true and faithful to ord.

The commitment of our pastors and s to the Great Commission.

Committee rejoices with our Moderator God-given heritage, in that we have a nding commitment to the Word of God, Great Commission, and to each other. We ge the careful preservation of the e in our churches and ministries.

Be in a day when the opportunities for ing our culture with the Good News are eled. Yet those strategic opportunities ing opposition in the heart and in the

Moderator alerted us to the danger of af- in our culture. The blessing of wealth uced a backlash of self-indulgence. This ng spirit has invaded the home as well. ily is under attack and showing the of battle.

Our Moderator concluded his address with two recommendations: 1) That we continue to pursue the three goals which he has emphasized during his year as Moderator: prayer, ministry to the neglected, and evangelism. 2) That pastors and churches give renewal emphasis to the sanctity of the Christian home.

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

The report of the Strategy and Planning Committee was given by James Custer.

REPORT OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

At our 1987 Conference, moderator Tom Julien recommended "that the Fellowship Council present to National Conference by 1989 a fully-developed strategy of outreach for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, giving us direction for the final decade of our century. This strategy should include a clear statement of our identity, our purpose, and our goals. It should also propose a cooperative program which will permit teamwork and involvement on all levels of our Fellowship."

He also recommended "that the Strategy Committee, commissioned by the Fellowship Council, assume the responsibility for co-ordinating the realization of such a strategy, seeking to stimulate creativity on all levels, churches, districts, and organizations, so that new strategy will grow up from the grass roots and not be imposed from above." And "that each District Moderator mandate a similar committee on the district level to begin the formulation of district outreach goals, with special attention given to the purpose of district conference."

In response to these recommendations, Conference elected Tom Julien, Ed Trenner, and myself to serve on the Strategy Committee. During our meetings last fall, we clarified that the purpose of our Committee was to be a catalyst . . . to facilitate the process which allows all of the entities of our Fellowship . . . local churches, districts, national boards and organizations . . . to discover and declare the goals God has given to them and to implement whatever changes might be required so that these goals have the freedom to be realized.

We decided to focus our energy in four areas of need within the Fellowship: creating an atmosphere for unity, identify structures for communication, develop structures for cooperation, and establish goals for achievement.

We have subdivided each of these areas into subsets of questions to be answered and projects to be attempted. These were approved by the Fellowship Council in their January meeting.

To help "stimulate creativity . . . so that the new strategy will grow up from the grass roots,"

a questionnaire was developed by Ed Trenner and mailed to every GBC congregation. As each church creatively determines what they believe God is directing them to attempt in the 1990s, we hope district leadership will compile cooperative goals and create district-wide efforts that will be mutually stimulating and encouraging to each local body of believers.

Because district leadership changes rapidly, a national Steering Committee has been formed to share "the responsibility for coordinating the realization of (the new) strategy." For the next five years these twenty men have agreed to work for the fulfillment of your goals. They met last evening and will gather in January for a two-day working conference to prepare a report for the Fellowship Council.

The leaders of our national agencies are meeting monthly to develop ways to unify their efforts and to share each other's plans and needs. They have given our committee copies of their institutional goals. They have clarified their relationship with our churches by resolving:

"As para-local church ministries, we are commissioned to serve churches of the FGBC to help them accomplish their Great Commission responsibility."

Our Committee has been working to stimulate creativity on all levels of our Fellowship. You have responded with a host of questions which reflect our confusion and deep concern for what we call "The Fellowship."

Our Committee will continue to do what we can to enable the Fellowship Council as they prepare "to present to National Conference by 1989 a fully-developed strategy of outreach for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, giving us direction for the final decade of our century, a strategy that will include a clear statement of our identity, our purpose, and our goals." We hope it will include a proposed cooperative program which will permit teamwork and involvement by all members of our Fellowship and guide us into an International Association of all Grace Brethren congregations around the world.

Meanwhile, we rejoice with each of you who are prayerfully pursuing faith-stretching responses to the call of God upon your resources. May God Himself place upon our hearts a challenge to obedience of such global dimensions that we will need to rediscover why we need each other in this association we call "The Fellowship."

Jim Custer, Chairman

Tom Julien

Ed Trenner

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

REPORT OF THE GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The report of the GBC Board of Christian Education was given by Bernie Simms and Brad Skiles.

1988 is a special year for our ministry. **BNYC, it marks our 50th anniversary.** 20,000 people have been influenced by the National Youth Conference. We are thankful for our great heritage which started with Leila Polman and their vision for a national camp for Grace Brethren youth. GBC Christian Education has sought to build upon this legacy.

Today's Brethren National Youth Conference has a two-fold purpose. First, we program BNYC as a youth leadership conference. Some of the finest leaders and potential leaders from Grace Brethren churches come to this week to be stretched and motivated to lead more effectively for Christ at their school and church. Our workshops provide practical ideas for leadership development and there is a strong local church emphasis and application.

Our second purpose of youth conference is to hold a large national event which will encourage young people to live for Christ while giving them an excitement for the Grace Brethren Fellowship. Nothing is more dynamic than one-thousand Christian junior high and high school kids in one room. And nothing gives them a better perspective of our fellowship than to be at youth conference, mixing with the peers from across the nation and hearing of national Grace Brethren ministries.

Another milestone this year is the **50th anniversary of SMM**, our girls' discipleship program. This rich heritage started with Mary Bauman and a small group of girls she recruited in the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Little did this pastor's wife know her humble desire to live out Titus 2:3 would grow into a national ministry touching thousands of lives. We praise the Lord for the impact of SMM.

As would be expected, many changes and improvements have occurred through SMM's 50 years. But the program's passion for mission and heart for serving Christ have never been altered. At this National Conference we are happy to introduce to you Chery Oterm, our new Director of Girls' Ministries.

1988 has also been a spectacular year for **TIME** (Training In Missionary Endeavor) program. With the introduction of TIME, 69 people have participated this year in TIME ministries, serving in ten countries. Since the TIME program's beginning, 180 over 700 people have participated in the short-term missions experiences. Imagine the continued impact of this ministry of Grace Brethren missions!

past seven weeks, I have traveled and
ed with Operation Barnabas. Now 14
and 700 alumni later, Operation Bar-
ntinues to be one of our best national
p training experiences. The six intense
ministry give our godly leaders an ex-
portunity to impart their lives to
ing people. This year, we used Southern
ia GBC's as a launching pad to teach
r high youth how to aggressively serve
n the spirit of Barnabas. While the
y was a great time of growth for these
people, many adults and local churches
er be the same as well.

h assisting churches in the training of
people is our greatest joy, it is not all we
ecrest '88, our conference for pastors,
e pastors, and youth workers was a
dous success. Frank and Mary
gh, Ed Trenner, and Sonlife youth
st, Don Roscoe were some of the Key
s. This fall we will introduce Book 2 of
ical Beliefs series. This new discipleship
l help churches teach adults and youth
ce Brethren beliefs.

men, the National CE Convention, held
y of this week, is another way we pro-
ning and help for adult church workers.
iss this great day!

blessing our ministry in a fantastic
t with this growth and blessing comes
emand for faith. Our board is taking
tep forward by adding to our staff Ed
ood, Director of Staff and Finances, and
termat, Director of Girls' Ministries
istant Director of Short-Term Missions.
iles, then, moves into a new position,
r of Church Relations and Resources.
ard also has directed me to leave the
ne position I have had with Grace
n Foreign Missions and become the first
e Executive Director for CE since 1976.
l-time leadership to CE will help us
y with the expanding vision God has

s.
ese staff additions and changes will help
you and your church more effectively.
ive us the necessary staff to carry out
rams that are training the next genera-
Grace Brethren leaders.

h God blessed us with a strong finan-
r in 1987, 1988 is a new picture. **At the
June offerings were 6 percent below
ar's giving and \$16,000 short of our
projections. As you see the enclosed
g graph, please pray for our 1988**
Please consider how you can help us in
ical financial year.

re grateful to you and to the people
out the Grace Brethren Fellowship who

join us in this ministry through your prayers
and financial support.

In His Work,
Ed Lewis
Executive Director

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Statement of Activity and Fund Balance For the year ending December 31, 1987

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

General Income	\$110,029
Equipment	5,801
Church Ministries	12,658
Youth Ministries:	
Operation Barnabas	45,746
General Youth	341,533
TIME Ministries	58,007
Total Support and Revenue	\$589,488

EXPENSES

General Overhead	\$107,486
Equipment	4,786
Church Ministry	16,207
Youth Ministries:	
SMM	17,188
Operation Barnabas	46,116
General Youth	301,196
TIME Ministries	66,058
Total Expenses	559,037

Excess of Support & Revenue Over Exp. . .	30,451
Fund Balance, Begin. of the year	111,694
Depreciation Adj. to fund balance	0-
Payroll Adj. to Fund balance	(1,992)
Misc. Adj. to Fund Balance	69
Fund Balance, End of the Year	\$140,222

These reports and the supporting records are
audited by the CPA firm, Lowell T. Owens. The
accompanying notes to financial statements are
an integral part of these statements. A copy of
their report is available upon request.

GBC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 1987

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash—Unrestricted	\$38,096
Cash—Restricted	41,544
Total Cash	79,640
Accounts Receivable	4,142
Inventory	20,875
Pre-paid Expenses	537
Total Current Assets	\$105,194

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Land & Building Less Dep.	\$70,625
Capital Improvements Less Dep.	3,456
Vehicles Less Depreciation	8,535
Office Furniture & Equipt. Less Dep. . .	31,159
Total Fixed Assets	\$113,775

Other Assets:

Deposits	1,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$219,969

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$6,909
Payroll Tax Liability	2,264
Short Term Loan and other Liability ..	13,646
Total Current Liabilities	22,819

Long Term Liabilities:

Mortgage Payable	56,928
Total Liabilities	79,747

Fund Balances:

General Fund Balance	109,860
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Restricted Funds:

Misc. Restricted & Equip. Offering Funds	4,505
Youth Funds	2,913
Scholarship Fund	14,743
T.I.M.E. Funds	8,201
Total Restricted Funds Balance	\$30,362

Total Funds 140,222

TOTAL LIAB. & FUND BALANCES: \$219,969

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

A ballot was presented for the GBC Board of Christian Education election. Mike Clapham, Ron Cohen, Paul Mutchler, Don Byers, Greg Howell, John Nagel, Bob Peercy, Bernie Simmonds, Richard Todd.

A motion prevailed to place these names in nomination.

The election was held and the following were elected: Mike Clapham (89), Ron Cohen (90), Paul Mutchler (90), Don Byers (91), Greg Howell (91) and Richard Todd (91).

FGBC STATISTICAL REPORT 1987

The Statistical report was given by Sherwood Durkee.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

	1987	1986
Regular Services	1,841	1,369
Other	2,867	2,392

TOTALS

Total Baptisms

MEETINGS: AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Sunday Morning Services ...	40,758	41,680
Sunday School	30,212	30,183
Sunday Evening Services ...	17,111	18,472
Midweek Services	15,078	14,400
Communion Services	19,641	20,016

MEMBERSHIP

Total Last Year	41,198	41,308
Total Added This Year	2,738	2,707
Total Lost This Year	3,312	2,766
Net Gain or (Loss)	(574)	(59)
Total Membership		
at End of This Year	40,624	41,247
Trine-Immersed Members ...	31,186*	25,030*

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Vacation Bible School	17,450	17,748
Women's Organizations	4,394	4,296
Men's Organizations	1,452	1,587
Coed Youth Ministries	3,652	3,975
Girls' Ministries	2,638	2,739
Boys' Ministries	2,273	2,146
Other	2,728	2,474

INCOME

Total Gift Receipts

for the Year	34,134,867*
Total Non-Gift receipts	
for the year	6,905,733*
Grand Total of All Income...	41,040,600

EXPENDITURES

Brethren Foreign Missions ..	2,403,452
Brethren Home Missions	854,718
Grace Schools	377,682
District Missions	230,192
GBC Christian Education ...	95,397
Board of Evangelism	25,725
Brethren Missionary Herald .	26,939
All Other	
Grace Brethren Ministries .	469,391
All Non-Brethren Ministries .	1,119,494
TOTAL	5,668,657

All Pastoral Staff Salaries ..	8,188,122*
All Other Local Expenditures	15,833,254
TOTAL	27,805,478**

Auxiliary Organizations

GRAND TOTAL
OF ALL EXPENDITURES . 34,912,634

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Number of Churches	
Operating Schools	38
Total Enrollment	6,601*
Total Income	9,422,337*
Faculty-Administrative	
Expense	8,685,769*
Other Expenses	3,230,080*
TOTAL EXPENSES ..	12,230,015**

Number of Churches Reporting

District	1987
Allegheny	17
Arctic	6
Florida Suncoast	6
Florida East Central	6
South Florida	6
Hawaii	3
Indiana	22
Iowa Midlands	14
Michigan	7
Mid-Atlantic	11
Mountain-Plains	6
Nor-Cal	8
North Central Ohio	28
Northeastern Ohio	16
North-Atlantic	31
Northwest	13
Southern	8
Southern Cal & Arizona	37
Southern Ohio	22
Southwest	0
Virginia	15
Western Pennsylvania	20
TOTAL	302

Number of Churches Not Reporting

	1987	1986
.....		1
.....	1	
.....	2	1
.....		1
nds		2
ic	4	1
.....	2	1
ral Ohio	3	3
al & Arizona	4	2
Ohio	2	1
.....	4	1
.....	1	
CAL	23	14
CAL CHURCHES ..	325	313

churches reported this item.

churches reported only total.

churches did large roll revisions.

entire district failed to submit a report. Nothing was
om church statisticians or district statistician.

FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS 12-31-87

	Number of Churches	Membership	Pastors
.....	16	500	11
.....	13	1,150	2
.....	570	132,309	569
.....	71	12,000+	45
.....	2	-0-	-0-
.....	5	57	1
.....	3	76	2
.....	2	-0-	-0-
.....	13	285	11
s	2	11	-0-
.....	1		
.....	698	146,388	641

ATTENDANCE, BEST WEEKLY SERVICE

.....	750
.....	1,275
.....	175,000
.....	16,750
.....	40
.....	157
.....	189
.....	14
.....	506
s	37
.....	16
.....	194,534

tion prevailed to accept this report.
some discussion the Moderator requested
owship Council to work on a system to
ack of the churches who do not send in
statistical reports.

tion prevailed to adjourn.

THIRD SESSION,

Wednesday August 3, 1988

Moderator Dean Fetterhoff called the third business session to order. Steve Jarrell lead in prayer.

A motion prevailed that we approve the minutes of Tuesday's business as read by the secretary.

The membership committee presented an additional report bringing the total number of delegates for the third session to 265 ministerial and 468 lay delegates for a grand total of 733.

The Chaplains ministry report was given by Don Carter.

ANNUAL REPORT, MILITARY ENDORING AGENT, FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES

It has been a pleasure to serve the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches during this Conference Year as the Endorsing Agent to the Military with the duties of assisting and counseling Brethren Military Chaplains and serving the Fellowship as a contact between the Church and the Military Services. I have counted it a privilege, also, to have served as a representative of the Fellowship in counseling and visiting with the Chaplains at their duty Stations and assisting those of our ministry who have desired to seek Active Duty as Chaplains in one of the Services.

As I have visited the Chiefs of Chaplains of the various Services at the Pentagon, they have congratulated me concerning the high calibre of our Brethren Chaplains. We are fortunate that not one of our Chaplains has received a black mark against him. Rather, enthusiastic references and expressions of praise and admiration have been showered upon us.

I am pleased that our Brethren Home Missions Council is assuming the supervision of the Military Chaplain Ministry. I believe it will provide solid ground for the Chaplains and help them feel that they are truly Brethren Missionaries serving within the framework of the Military. I am glad also that the Brethren are willing to understand the unique posture assumed by a Brethren Minister as he enters this non-denominational environment.

Recognition should be given to the Chaplain's Wives. They support their husbands by helping in Sunday School, singing in the choir, teaching week day Bible classes and in counseling.

I am asking the Fellowship to pray for our Chaplains on active duty and those in the Reserve and their families. Following are the names of the Chaplains presently on active duty: Air Force - James Elwell; Army - Charles Card, Ben Collins, John Patrick, Gary Patterson, John Schumacher; Navy, John Diaz, James Dickson, Dayne Nix.

It has been a privilege to serve the Fellowship as your Endorsing Agent to the Military. May God bless our men as they continue to serve. Respectfully submitted,
Donald F. Carter, Chaplain (COL) USA (RET).
Endorsing Agent

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

The report of the Reorganization of Endorsing Agent Ministry was given by Jerry Young.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE OF THE CHAPLAIN MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Statement of Purpose: We understand the purpose of chaplain ministry to be the sending of qualified representatives from local churches to minister the Word of God in specialized settings.

Authority: The Fellowship Council is authorized to name endorsing agents to function on behalf of all our churches. Specialized settings for which endorsing agents will serve include the military chaplaincy, the Veteran's Administration chaplaincy, and the Civil Air Patrol chaplaincy. Upon request, endorsing agents will also serve other settings such as fire, police, hospital, prison, and industrial chaplaincies.

Responsibility: Endorsing agents are named to serve indefinite terms under the auspices of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., hereafter called the parent organization.

A. Endorsing agents will not assume their responsibilities until they have been approved by the parent organization.

B. The parent organization will supervise endorsing agents, and may employ its staff in support of chaplain ministry.

C. The parent organization is responsible for the development of chaplain ministry, as it is responsible for the development of new churches. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the enlistment of chaplains, the raising and management of funds, and the prayerful support of Grace Brethren people.

D. A "Chaplain Committee" will be formed by the parent organization to oversee chaplain ministry. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors of the parent organization, and the Board of Directors will report to the Fellowship Council on matters pertaining to chaplain ministry. The Committee will be composed of Board members from the parent organization and one military chaplain representative (active or reserve). Endorsing agents will serve as ex officio members of the Chaplain Committee.

Initial Endorsement: The Endorsing Agent is authorized to grant initial endorsement for ministry in specialized settings according to procedures established by the Chaplain Committee and approved by the parent

organization.

Continuing Endorsement: The Endorsing Agent is authorized to grant continuing endorsements as he deems appropriate, as additional endorsements are needed or requested.

Withdrawal of Endorsement: The Endorsing Agent is authorized to withdraw endorsement for ministry in a specialized setting upon one or more of the following conditions:

A. The transfer of a chaplain's credentials to another faith group.

B. Persistent failure of the chaplain to fully represent our view of Christian faith and practice as expressed in our Statement of Faith in a condition that:

1. Allegations of such failure are given from the chaplain himself, the chaplain's commander/supervisor, or at least two military personnel familiar with the chaplain's life and work.

2. The chaplain is personally notified of allegations of such failure by the Endorsing Agent or his representative.

3. The allegations of such failure are communicated to the Chaplain Committee, and the Committee considers the withdrawal of our endorsement.

4. When the Chaplain Committee requests the chaplain under consideration to be present to respond to the allegation, if the chaplain cannot be present, he will be encouraged to submit his response to the allegations in writing.

5. If the Chaplain Committee agrees that the endorsement should be withdrawn, the Endorsing Agent will notify in writing the chaplain and the agency for which he works.

Statement of support: We call upon the Grace Brethren Churches in America to fully support all men called and commissioned to chaplain ministry in our national military service. We encourage qualified pastors to pray for and follow God's leading into effective ministry for Christ within the Active and Reserve components of our military services.

Jerry R. Young

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

A special presentation was made by Don Carter and his wife by the chaplains present for faithful service of many years in the military, being the endorsing agent.

Larry Chamberlain made Don Carter an honorary member of the Eagle Commission.

A report of the FGBC Council activities was given by Charles Ashman.

The report of the appointment of chaplains by the Fellowship Council was given (see pages 3 and 4.)

Report of dates and places for chaplain conferences.

July 29 - Aug. 4 at Winona Lake,
 Aug. 4 - Aug. 10 in the Virginia area.
 Ashman presented the following GBC
 for the **Nominating Committee**.
 Burke, Ed Cashman, James Dixon, Don
 Wesley Haller, Warren Tamkin.
A motion prevailed that these names be
 to nomination.

Floor was opened for additional names.
 Paul Woodruff was nominated.
A motion prevailed for nominations to cease.
 Election was held and the following were
 elected to the 1988-89 FGBC Nominating Com-
 mittee: John Burke, Chm., Wesley Haller, Edwin
 Cashman, Donald Farner, Warren Tamkin

 The report of the conference treasurer was
 given by Larry Chamberlain.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES **STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS** **FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1988**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
BALANCES, JULY 1, 1987			
Banking - First National Bank	\$(4,734.47)	\$ 6,421.03	\$1,686.56
Accounts - Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	15,083.37	-0-	15,083.37
	<u>10,348.90</u>	<u>6,421.03</u>	<u>16,769.93</u>
RECEIPTS:			
Contributions	43,733.25	43,733.25	87,466.50
Conference Expense Offering	1,764.81		1,764.81
Designated Offerings:			
Christian Education		1,299.22	1,299.22
Foreign Missionary Society		4,347.33	4,437.33
Home Missions Council		1,467.07	1,467.07
Home Schools		1,488.24	1,488.24
Home Care	1,000.36		1,000.36
	166.00		166.00
Conference Tapes	370.50		370.50
Postage	1,300.39		1,300.39
Travel tickets for Boards		3,282.25	3,282.25
Signature	842.85		842.85
Management - "Promise of Honor" Expense	4,000.00		4,000.00
Total Cash Receipts	<u>53,178.16</u>	<u>55,617.36</u>	<u>108,795.52</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Contributions	5,366.63		5,366.63
Home Care	6,877.53		6,877.53
Advertising and Promotion	16,341.92		16,341.92
Postage	1,907.61		1,907.61
Traveler Travel Honoraria	750.00		750.00
Committees and Officers	18,495.90		18,495.90
Home Investment Plan	3,312.89		3,312.89
Home Investment Annuity Fund		48,154.68	48,154.68
Material Expense	1,526.44		1,526.44
Conference Communion	557.96		557.96
Travel Tickets for Boards		3,282.25	3,282.25
Designated Offerings - Boards		8,601.86	8,601.86
Grace Brethren Annual	10,194.95		10,194.95
Miscellaneous	94.25		94.25
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>65,426.08</u>	<u>60,038.79</u>	<u>125,464.87</u>
BALANCES, JUNE 30, 1988			
Banking-First National Bank	(1,907.78)	1,999.60	91.82
Accounts-Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	8.76		8.76
	<u>\$(1,899.02)</u>	<u>\$ 1,999.60</u>	<u>\$ 100.58</u>

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

A motion prevailed as follows: "Resolved that the FGBC seek IRS group roster exemption status for its member churches and auxiliary organizations and that the moderator and treasurer be authorized to execute all documents necessary in this application process in behalf of this Fellowship."

A motion prevailed to increase the delegate fee to \$2.50 per member, beginning with the

1988-89 year to be paid at the next year's conference time.

The following report of the **Retirement Planning Committee** was given by the Chamberlain. **Motion prevailed** to accept the report.

**THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
RETIREMENT FUND ANNUITY ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1988**

BEGINNING CASH, JULY 1, 1987:

Checking Account	\$ 331.31	
Savings Account	<u>7,714.91</u>	
Total Beginning Cash		<u>8,046.22</u>

CASH RECEIPTS:

Credential Fees	39,955.25	
Offerings and Gifts	81,485.88	
Interest Income	4,570.19	
Transfer From Retiree Trust	<u>2,041.28</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>128,052.60</u>

CASH EXPENDITURES:

Annuity Payments to Retirees	41,916.30	
Office Expense	545.90	
Promotions	6,500.00	
Other	<u>172.25</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>49,134.45</u>

ENDING CASH, JUNE 30, 1988:

Checking Account	4,507.02	
Saving Account	<u>82,285.10</u>	
Total Ending Cash		<u><u>\$86,792.12</u></u>

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

The following report on the **Auditing and Finance Committee** was given by the Moderator. In absence of the chairman of the Auditing Committee the moderator Dean Fetterhoff reported that various books of GBC organizations have been audited and found to be in order, the reports have been received and reviewed by the Fellowship Council.

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

The following report of the committee on Pastorless Churches and Available men was given by Howard Mayes.

**REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF
PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND
AVAILABLE MEN**

Our activity involved in bringing available Pastoral candidates into contact with Pastorless Churches continues to grow.

The present function of this office is being clearing house where resumes of available men are available by request to churches desiring them. 299 resumes have been furnished to churches this year.

We are very grateful that of the 15 churches seeking our assistance last year, 7 found

ing the 33 men whose resumes we have available. Currently we have resumes for 28 Pastoral candidates and are in some way with 8 churches who are Pastor.

three suggestions...

you are a qualified Pastoral candidate, well-written and honest resume and me in care of the Grace Community Huber Heights, 5001 Fishburg Road, Heights, OH 45424. If you can furnish well known G.B.C. pastor as a reliable reference it will greatly improve quality of your resume.

if you are involved with a church that may in the future be looking for a please contact me for the current list of men and copies of their resumes.

If you know of churches in your district pastoral vacancy, please suggest that we contact with my office. We are keeping information we have readily accessible on computer and will be happy to help in that is appropriate.

ilfully submitted,

Howard Mayes

on prevailed to accept this report.

on prevailed that a list of the names of the men on the Strategy and Committee be mailed to all the

A motion was given that a letter be sent by the Fellowship Council Secretary to the churches that did not send in a statistical report and inform them of our position on this matter.

A motion prevailed to amend the previous motion that the letter be sent by registered mail.

The previous motion as amended was then carried.

A motion was made that on the statistical blank we specify, that profession of faith be first time decisions, and that under the foreign report we have 3 areas: 1. Profession of faith; 2. Baptisms; 3. Number of triune immersed members.

A motion prevailed to refer this information to the Fellowship Council.

A motion prevailed that the name of the Grace Fellowship Church in Long Beach, Calif. be deleted from the list of churches, since that church as a separate congregation is no longer in existence.

The minutes of this meeting were read.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes as read.

The installation of officers for the coming year was then carried out.

Charles Ashman presented Moderator Dean Fetterhoff with a plaque in honor of his service to the fellowship.

A motion prevailed to adjourn Sine die.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1987

Assets:

General Fund—

Cash and Investments	\$ 266,926
Accounts Receivable	52,638
Advances and Prepaid	
Expenses	20,998
Equipment (less depreciation)	54,848
Land and Buildings	347,105
Other	151,007
Total	<u>\$ 893,522</u>

Restricted Funds—

Cash and Investments	\$ 147,950
Notes Receivable	49,945
Other	3,801
Total	<u>201,696</u>

Annuity Funds—

Cash and Investments	\$ 308,745
Notes Receivable	63,101
Accrued Interest	-0-
Total	<u>\$ 371,846</u>

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$1,467,064

Liabilities and Fund

Balances:

General Fund—

Notes Payable	\$ 17,636
Missionary Outfit Funds	39,145
Medical Contingency Fund	-0-
Other Liabilities	151,701
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 208,482</u>
Fund Balance	685,040
Total	<u><u>\$ 893,522</u></u>

Restricted Funds—	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,170
Fund Balance — Relief	
Agency	46,393
Fund Balance — Field Projects...	154,133
Total	<u>\$ 201,696</u>
Annuity Funds—	
Interest Payments Payable	\$ 2,184
Annuities in Force	281,880
Fund Balance	87,782
Total	<u>\$ 371,846</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,467,064</u>

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
For the calendar year ending December 31, 1987
GENERAL FUND

Income:

Gifts—	
Undesignated	\$ 236,484
Field	44,766
Support and Outfit	2,568,554
Estates	49,807
Total	<u>\$2,899,611</u>
Interest and Miscellaneous	13,532
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$2,913,143</u>

Expenses:

Administrational—	
General Office	\$ 49,951
Office Rent	31,200
Legal and Audit	2,150

Office Personnel	
Board and Office Travel	
Candidate Expenses	
Total	
Promotional—	
Publications	
Publicity	
Conferences and Deputation	
Office Personnel	
Total	
Missionary and Field—	
Residences	
Missionary Personnel	
Missionary Travel	
Field Expenditures	
Total	

Other—

Interest	
Memberships and	
Contributions	
Miscellaneous	
Total	
TOTAL EXPENSES	

Changes in Fund Balance:

Income over (Under) Expenses ..	
Fund Transfers	
Fund Balance — January 1	
Fund Balance—	
December 31	

The financial records of the GBFMS for the year 1987 have been audited by Dahms and Yarian, Certified Public Accountants, Winona, Minnesota. The complete audited report is available for review at the GBFM Office.

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Pastor, Rev. Ronald Smals.

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Lakeland, FL—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. James Taylor.

Lancaster, OH—Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gregory Stamm.

London, OH—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. John Hansel.

Lynchburg, VA—Lynchburg Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Thomas Bryant.

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Millersburg, OH—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Charles Thornton.

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Moreno Valley, CA—New Hope Community Grace Brethren Church. Pastors, Rev. Mikal Smith and Rev. Chris Suitt.

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Day Mesa Navajo Grace Brethren Church (Johnson Chiquito)

Red Lake Community Grace Brethren Church (John Trujillo)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 1987

ASSETS:

Current Assets	
Cash	\$
Offerings and other receipts in Transit	
Savings accounts and marketable securities	
Current portion of notes receivable	

rest and	
rent assets	50,521
ceivable	29,676
ent Assets	\$ 378,450
Equipment:	
	36,000
	369,132
Estate	392,595
ks	187,673
ment	23,397
ment	153,235
	1,162,032
ulated Depr.	(281,060)
	\$ 880,972
& Other Assets:	
able	68,459
Property	2,700
vested	688,824
interest, net	18,532
	\$ 778,515
ETS	\$2,037,937
S:	
bilities:	
le	\$ 348,966
tion of Long Term Debt	23,119
able	17,493
quity Installments	18,068
holdings	974
nt Liab.	\$ 408,620
debt,	
nt portion	206,509
Trusts	827,981
	\$1,443,110
BILITIES	594,827
	\$2,037,937
B. & EQUITY	

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1987

Revenues:	
Offerings	\$1,247,093
Contributed assets	
Estates & Annuities	61,770
Rent	45,900
Interest	59,225
Other	127
	\$1,414,115
Operating Expenses:	
Direct Assistance	1,049,426
Administration	386,600
Promotion	132,652
Payments to Annuitants	81,582
	\$1,650,260
Excess (deficit) of revenues over operating expenses	\$ (236,145)
Other Income (expense):	
Assets received on dissolutions	25
Disposition of Assets	289,410
Interest	(17,154)
	\$ 272,281
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses	36,136
Equity, beginning of year	558,691
Equity, end of year	\$ 594,827

These reports and the supporting records are audited by the CPA firm Ashman, Targgart and Manion, PC. A copy of their report is available upon written request.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
 CONDITION
 May 31, 1988**

ASSETS:

Cash and Investments	\$7,753,273
Accrued Interest Receivable	221,128
Loans Receivable	11,732,894
Equipment (Net)	11,847
Other Assets	2,579
Total Assets	\$19,721,721

**LIABILITIES AND FUND
 BALANCE:**

Savings Accounts	\$1032
Accrued Interest Payable	198
Other Liabilities	14
Total Liabilities	\$1170
Fund Balance	14
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1184

**STATEMENT OF OPERATION
 For Year ended May 31, 1988**

OPERATING INCOME:

Interest on Loans	\$114
Interest on Investments	41
Other Operating Income	1

Total Operating Income **\$156**

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$55
Salaries and Services	15
Contributions	57
Data Processing	14
Other Administrative Expenses	43

Total Operating Expenses **\$87**

Other Income and Expenses **17**

NET INCOME **51**

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Condensed Financial Report

Balance Sheet — May 31, 1988

S:
 nd equivalent \$ 19,604
 m other funds 32,307
 ents-other 33,450
 ts receivable:
 nts 197,767
 e 290,000
 51,718
 ries 275,854
 expenses 78,688

Deferred charges 54,057
 Total Assets \$1,033,445

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:

Accounts payable \$ 101,236
 Due to other funds 617,595
 Accrued expenses 359,108
 Deposits 180,942
 Deferred credits 39,240
 Fund Balance (264,676)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

FUND BALANCE 1,033,445

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Transfers For the Year Ended May 31, 1988

REVENUES:

Educational & General:

Tuition & fees \$4,278,325
 Gifts 1,164,718
 Endowment income 19,168
 Other 107,887
 Total educational and
 general \$5,570,098

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Housing \$ 864,988
 Food service 748,818
 Other 383,564

Total auxiliary

enterprises \$1,997,370

Other sources \$ 91,694

TOTAL REVENUES ... \$7,659,162

EXPENDITURES:

Education & general:

Instructional \$2,366,912
 Academic support 388,559
 Student services 847,774
 Institutional support 1,352,426
 Operation of plant 614,488
 Student aid 589,231
 Transfers (2,945)

Total educational and

general \$6,156,445

Auxiliary enterprises:

Housing \$ 779,190
 Food service 596,937
 Other 392,492

Total auxiliary

enterprises \$1,768,619

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$7,925,064

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)... \$(265,902)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1987 to December 31 1987

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash and Cert. of Deposit . . .	\$ 929
Accounts Receivable	\$10,721
Refundable Payroll Tax	54
Inventory-Merchandise	64,475
Marketable Securities	18
Contract Receivables	58
Prepaid Expenses	2,711
Total Current Assets	\$ 86,398

Investments \$ 57,277

Non-Current Assets

Land	\$ 00
Buildings	31,738
Furniture and Fixtures	18,243
Print Shop Equipment	26,956
Vehicles	2,581
Total	\$ 79,522

Less—accumulated
depreciation \$ 53,400

Net Property — Equip. 26,211

Other Assets

Contract Receivables 58

Less

Current Portion 58

Total Other Assets \$

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,71,988

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ORTH	
er liabilities	
nts payable	\$ 41,134.24
vee Payroll Deductions	-0-
te Payable	83,700.00
te Payable,	
at Portion	-0-
d Interest	678.46
vee Tax Payable	30.00
nt Income Tax	47.00
o Current Liabilities . \$	125,589.70
m Liabilities	
te Payable	-0-
st Current	-0-
ol Long Term Liabilities	-0-
r liabilities	
nnuities	\$11,500.00
abilities	\$ 137,089.70
alance	1,573,799.62
a liabilities and	
ul Balance	\$1,710,889.32

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Merchandise Sales	\$1,363,840.05
Cooperating Boards	63,680.35
Rentals	1,620.00
Interest and miscellaneous .	41,123.73
Sale Fixed Assets &	
Securities	59,062.67
Bequest	12,757.32
Finance Charges and	
Special Offerings	2,423.75
Total Business Income ...	\$1,544,507.87

Cost

Purchases	\$ 724,711.21
Salaries	306,188.95
Operating expenses	382,054.68
Free Literature	5,029.84
Rental Expenses	3,610.24
Administrative Expense ...	12,709.02
Total Business Costs	\$1,434,303.94
Total Business Gain	110,203.93
Publication Offering	26,166.11
Expenses	11,623.16
Offering Net Gain	14,542.95
Total Net Income	\$124,746.88

THE BRETHERN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Theme for 1988-89

"Getting It All Together"

ny Passage: Ephesians 4:14-16

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WMC YEARLY GOALS, 1988-89

PERSONAL GOALS

1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
3. Active in Evangelism.*

4. Encourage increased interest in
SMM or aid in the establishment of
SMM in your local church.

5. Give regularly to WMC — time, talent
and money as the Lord leads and
prosper.*

6. Support regular family devotions.*
Use of Daily Devotions is suggested.
*Refer to WMC Handbook.

LOCAL GOALS

1. Observe a special time of prayer at the
15th day of each month.*

2. Emphasize prayer for district youth who
made decisions for full time Christian
service.

3. Support district rallies and projects.

4. Contribute to Major Offerings
(PLEASE send all money to the Financial
Secretary USING the proper
offering slip from the Treasurer's office
in the Program Packet. Make CHECKS
PAYABLE TO—GRACE BRETHERTON
NATIONAL WMC.)

a. September, October, November
HOME MISSIONS — Goal \$1,000
Send before December 10th.
PROJECT: Carpet in Missionary
Building.

Thank Offering

GBC Christian Ed — Goal \$1,000
member per year
Send before December 10th.
PROJECT: Purchase of portable
phone for stewardship service and
remodeling at CE.

b. December, January, February
GRACE SCHOOLS — Goal
\$8,000

Send before March 10th
Project: Landscaping at Missionary
Hall

NATIONAL SMM OFFERING
(Sponsorship of Director of
Ministries (SMM) — Christian
Education Department.) Note:
SMM is the heart of WMC. We
suggest a minimum of \$3.00 a year
member.

Send before March 10th

c. March, April, May
FOREIGN MISSIONS — Goal
\$9,000

Send before June 10th
N. Brazil — Word Processor, CR

college book fund,
 France — Furnishing Lori Shaver
 building Germany — Cassette
 duplicator, Mexico — Termite treat-
 ment, Philippines — Copy Machine.
MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR
OFFERING may be given in the
 month of your birthday or at a
 special emphasis throughout the
 year toward the support of WMC
MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR
 honoring their years of service. We
 suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year
 per member.

Send before June 10th
MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR
FOR 1988 — 1989

Monogene Burk - Brazil
 Karen Daugherty - C.A.R.
 Debbie O'Dell - Japan
 Denise Ramsey - West Germany
 Janet Varner - C.A.R.

June, July, August

WMC OPERATING EXPENSES
 Goal \$8,000

NOTE: Send before September 10th
 encourage the reading of the following
 books, which may be purchased from
 Brethren Missionary Herald Com-
 Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590.
 y, **Our Momentary Child**, Carole
 Page

age, Liane I. Brown
Impact of Clay, the Jerry Franks
 y, Toni Morehead

USE BRETHREN talent when
able and SUPPORT BRETHREN
WORKS, SUPPORT SMM*

in expenses, if possible, of local
ident or representative to at-
each district meeting and Na-
tional WMC Conference.

district officers in April or May to
perform their duties in September. The
Annual Reports compiled by the
ing local presidents must be in the
hands of the district president by May
preceding the delegates at National
Conference is permissible only if an-
report is returned. Reports will not
be accepted at National Conference.

Keep membership cards current.*
Keep membership chairman is
responsible for giving her card to

any member transferring to another
council and see that a new member
receives and signs a membership
card when she joins the local coun-
cil. (These cards are available from
the National Literature Secretary.)

10. Refer often to the WMC Handbook.

This can be obtained from the national
 literature secretary, Box 711, Winona
 Lake, IN 46590.

(See order blank enclosed in program
 packet.) We recommend one per coun-
 cil be purchased.

DISTRICT GOALS

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or
 tapes of the entire Bible within a year.
2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC
 Program.
3. Use **BRETHREN talent when**
available and SUPPORT Brethren
works.
4. Send District Newspaper to National
 President, National Editor, and District
 Editors.
5. Sponsor at least one project, said pro-
 ject to be cleared through the National
 First Vice President, to avoid duplica-
 tion. The project may be kept within the
 district, but the National First Vice
 President should be advised for comple-
 tion of her report. Send before March
 10.
6. Send all district offerings for National
 Brethren works to the National WMC
 Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering,
 to be used as the committee in charge
 sees the need, toward furnishing and
 repair of the Brethren Foreign Mis-
 sionary Residence at Winona Lake, In-
 diana. Send to the National WMC
 Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Pay the District President's expenses to
 National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the
 District SMM Leader may attend Na-
 tional Conference.
10. Contribute annually to the National
 WMC Operation Expenses. Send to the
 National WMC Financial Secretary-
 Treasurer, by September 10.
11. Contribute for meals for Missionary
 Candidate School. Send to the national
 WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1987-88

Balance on Hand — July 1, 1987 .. \$11,931.24

RECEIPTS:

Operation and Publication	\$14,670.90
Home Missions	8,060.35
Grace Schools	7,271.41
Foreign Missions	7,988.40
Thank Offering	5,119.54
Missionary Birthday	6,707.05
Missionary Residence	2,698.61
Home Missions Specials	8,180.67
Foreign Missions Specials	5,637.72
SMM—Christian Education	
Department	5,872.22
Christian Education	
Department Specials	650.00
Grace Schools Specials	800.00
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	1,644.00
50th Anniversary	978.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$76,278.91

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation and Publication	\$13,787.24
Home Missions	8,060.35
Grace Schools	7,271.41
Foreign Missions	7,988.40
Thank Offering	5,119.54
Missionary Birthday	7,000.00

Missionary Residence	207
Home Missions Specials	180
Foreign Missions Specials	537
SMM—Christian Education	
Department	372
Christian Education	
Department Specials	550
Grace Schools Specials	300
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	100

TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand —	
June 30, 1988	\$1,34

RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — June 30, 1988	\$1,34
Operation & Publication	\$326
Missionary Birthday Account ..	28
Missionary Residence Account ..	35
Prepaid Income & Expense	
Account	33
50th Anniversary Account	78
TOTAL	\$1,34

Total Investment & Interest in the
GBIF not included in the above: \$1,23

SMM

Motto—“Serving My Master”

Colors

The SMM colors are white and green. *White* reminds us to worship God and symbolizes the purity of Jesus. *Green* reminds us to serve God and to grow in Him.

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3-89 SMM OFFERINGS AND GOALS

OFFERINGS

*(Make checks payable to:
Christian Education Department)*

Foreign Missions (due December 10, 1988). Goal — \$500 scholarship to Grace College for Ginette DeArmedy; 1 overhead projector, \$300 - Philippines; 1 offerings for Moundou Residence, 10- Chad.

Christian Education (Due March 1989). Goal—\$2,000.

Home Interest. (Due June 10, 1989). Grace College. New Testament, \$300; Sources for faculty, \$300; computer equipment No. 2, \$300; BCS Corporation Model AV-3 Variable speed cassette tape recorder, \$400.

Operation SMM (Due September 10, 1989). Goal — \$2,000.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

Sisters

Each member carries her Bible to church and to SMM.

Each member invites one friend to attend an SMM meeting.

Each member demonstrates one way to honor her parents.

Each member prays weekly for a missionary.

An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

S

Each member has a consistent Bible reading program.

Each member learns one evangelistic tool.

Each member participates in a scripture memory and review program.

Each member prays weekly for foreign and home missions, CE and Grace schools.

An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

re

Each member has a consistent quiet time.

Each member shares the gospel with a non-believer.

3. Each member learns to share her personal testimony.
4. Each member can define TIME and Operation Barnabas.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Charis

1. Each member has a consistent quiet time and weekly application.
2. Each member learns follow-up training of a new believer.
3. Each member participates in an outreach ministry.
4. Each member is a prayer partner with a TIME worker.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each district choose a district project yearly.
2. The district should help to send the district leader to any national workshop dealing with girls' ministries or SMM.
3. The district leader should contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs and help to organize their groups or give ideas and suggestions.
4. The district secretary should send a letter to the Director of SMM reporting interesting activities within the district program.
5. The district leader should send an updated list of women working as leaders in SMM to GBC Christian Education at the beginning of the fall.

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MINISTERS

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Executive Secretary — Ralph Colburn

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1988

President Dick Mayhue called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m., welcoming the ministers and laymen to this joint session. Steve Skinner led the men in some great acapella singing. Vice president Dave Plaster prayed, and welcomed guests: missionaries on home ministries, missionary appointees, chaplains, and new members of the ministerium.

Dick Mayhue then introduced the speaker for the day, with whom he was associated for several years at Grace Community Church in Panorama City; Joni Earickson Tada. Joni described the benefits of pastors encouraging their congregations to develop ministries to the disabled. It provides opportunities for people to put your messages into action. Those with disabilities can become role models of inspiration (II Cor. 4:10-13). This focus of ministry underscores that the Bible's message is for the weak and those in need, and not just for the "abled." Then Joni answered questions from the floor, and illustrated responses for some difficult situations, and some courtesies and considerations. Helpful information on ministering to the disabled can be obtained by writing:

JONI and FRIENDS

P.O. Box 3333

Agoura, CA 91301

President Mayhue commented briefly on his written "President's Address", which had been distributed to the members earlier.

Executive Secretary Ralph Colburn shared the highlights of the financial report and the membership report, inviting corrections and additions. A motion prevailed to receive these reports.

After announcements, Dick Mayhue closed the meeting in prayer and we were adjourned.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988

The Ministerium session began with singing led by Bernie Simmons and Don Shoemaker at the piano. "David Plaster", the "Opressor Professor" welcomed guests and new members.

President Mayhue introduced Dr. Dr. Singleton, Pastor of Loveland Church, Fontana, CA, and founder of Harmonic Musicians from his church, Denis Anderson, Linda Allen and Clarence Williams Jr., sang, led us in praise, and a "cleaving" to the Lord. Dr. Singleton then fielded questions from the floor on ministering to blacks in our churches and communities. Then he closed the session in prayer for the special needs of the black community. Dr. Singleton may be reached at:

HARAMBEE

P.O. Box 73

Ontario, CA 91762

President Mayhue then received the report of the nominating committee and handled the election of officers.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1988

The final ministerium session conference began with singing led by Terry Schoger. President Dick Mayhue prayed and welcomed all present, and introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Charles Coon. Chuck responded to questions from the floor on the subjects of prison over-population, the after-care in churches of released prisoners, handling prisoners with dignity, reconciling justice and mercy of God in dealing with prisoners, capitol punishment in the Oliver North situation, and American Christian potential for solidarity and influence for righteousness.

Ralph Colburn introduced the following memorials for men in our ministerium who had gone home to be with the Lord during this past year, with praise and thanks to the Lord for them and their ministry. Pictures of each man were on the screen as the memorials were given: for Horace M. Leiby by Pastor Forrest Jackson; for Kenneth Williams by Pastor Warren Tamkin; for Roy Krueger by Pastor Don Farnier; and for Luther Turman by Pastor Bob Griffith.

Pastor of the Year was selected for his ministry, his pastor's heart, his hospital and funeral ministry, his enmeshment of young men into ministry, motto: "Love them to Jesus", Pastor Combs, of Norton, Ohio.

h Colburn gave an update on the annual report, and requested action concerning the current dues level. A motion was made that we maintain the dues at \$50 for the coming year, to enable us to present a \$100 contribution to the "Promise of a New Fund."

newly elected officers were called to order. After expressing appreciation to the retiring president for his excellent leadership, president-elect David Plaster led in prayer.

minutes were fully submitted,

Simmons, recording secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

ce, Farmers and Merchants Bank, 7/20/87 . \$ 4,099.88

ts:

Annual dues \$26,240.50

District dues 110.00

No Rebates 36.15

..... 26,386.65

..... \$30,486.53

Disbursements:

Salary	2,100.00
"Epistle"	2,432.06
Telephone & Postage	69.05
Nat'l Ministerium expenses	1,416.04
District dues refund	110.00
NAC Scholarships	1,700.00
B.I.F. Deposits	19,000.00

\$26,827.15

Balance, F & M Bank, 7/7/88 3,659.38

B.I.F., Balance 7/20/88 36,875.84

Interest to 7/1/88..... 2,538.52

Deposits from F & M Bank 19,000.00

\$58,414.36

Withdrawals: to "Promise of Honor" (Pension Fund) . 10,000.00

48,414.36

Balance, Chase Manhattan Bank, 7/20/87 \$21,067.98

Interest to 7/1/88..... 958.92

Five death gratuities, @ \$2,000

10,000.00

Total 12,026.90

Total Funds Available, 7/7/88 64,100.64

(net gain of \$2,056.94 for the year)

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,
Ralph J. Colburn, Executive Secretary

(This report being a few days earlier than usual, is made with a much larger than usual number of individual dues not yet paid - probably about \$3000 total.)

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Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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(237)

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rwaii—place to be determined, April 21
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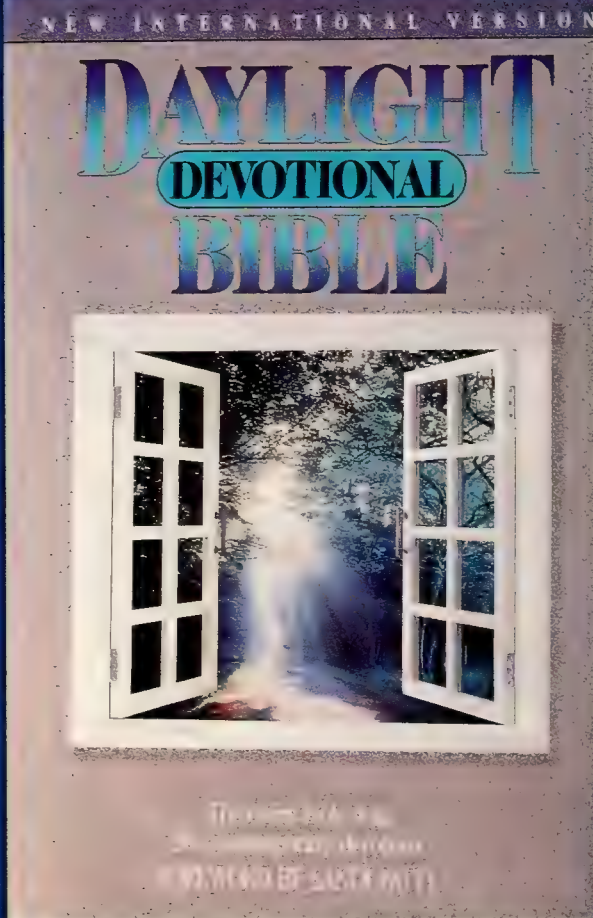
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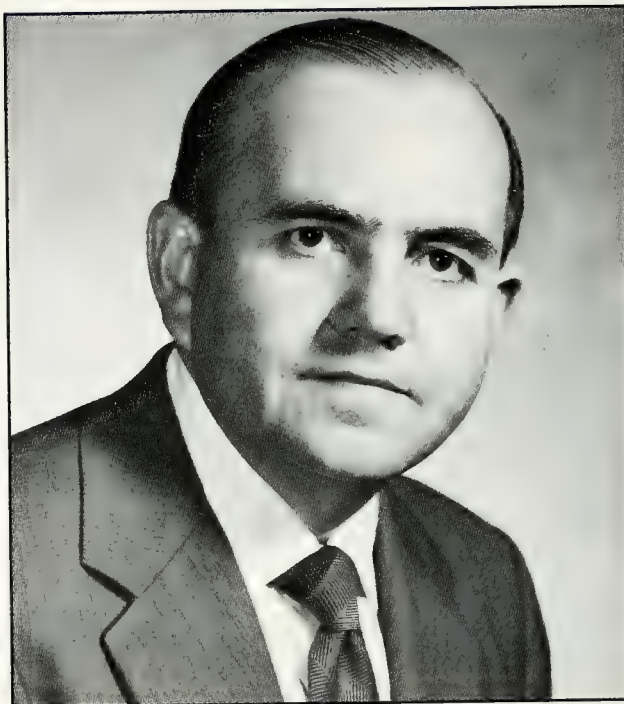
by Charles W. Turner

Walter Fretz is a gentleman. Beyond merely being a gentle man, he is a nice guy. Whether you see him at the local post office on a Saturday morning or in the hallway of the church on Sunday, there is the always-present smile on his face and his warm grin.

Walter is about to round up his official duties and stop reporting for work every day at the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. This has been his life for a decade and then some: helping to collect dollars for the foundation and then translate these dollars into a loan or some form of help to local churches. He has a keen respect for a dollar (and a lot less than a dollar!) As a matter of fact, he is the kind of guy who will stop and pick up a penny, because he can remember when a "Mr. Lincoln's image" was worthy of respect.

When making a loan, Walter has always wanted to know what the churches need and how they will use the funds. He also wants to know when the loan will be repaid so the funds can be used to help someone else. That's all good, because too many of us have lost the balance between the simple integrity of a pledge made and a pledge kept. There is more to all of this than simply bookkeeping, because it tells us what we are all about in our character.

Walter came from Pennsylvania to the flat lands of Indiana to help. He could count and he knew his numbers well. He translated his business background into a church ministry. Money become mortar and bucks became bricks and pennies became pews. It was borrowing and lending and progress



Walter Fretz

in building churches. Over the years numbers have gotten bigger and inflation has changed the face of church building. The amount of dollars put into the funds in some measure expressed confidence in Walter's ability to handle his ministry. The funds in the Brethren Investment Foundation are currently over 18 million dollars.

Walter's helpmate, Emma, smiles just about the same way he does. I do not know if one learned it from the other or if they learned it together. When Emma is not creating a masterpiece out of an eggshell, she is creating good will.

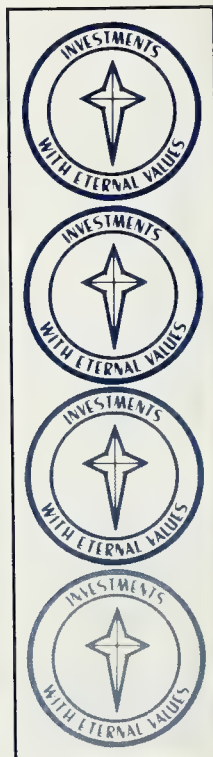
Walter also has some great sisters. They smile just about the same way Walter does. I remember a few years back when I was with Bob Griffith for

a service. After the service, we went to see one of Walter's sisters and spent the last moments of her life with her. Then she quietly went to be with the Lord. Her life also was a testimony to the Lord's grace.

Walter and Emma lent one of their children to us at BMH for a few years. Jane worked on the *Herald* magazine before she went to Germany as a missionary. Their other children also serve the Lord.

So, Walter, you won't be in the office every day, but I do still look forward to seeing you in the hallway at our church services or at the post office. I know you will be smiling -- or is it grinning?

You have done a great job and I would like to add my personal word of thanks. ■



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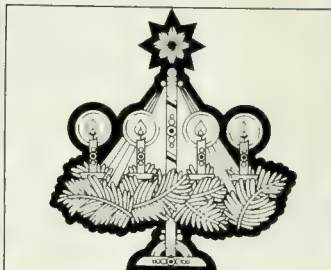
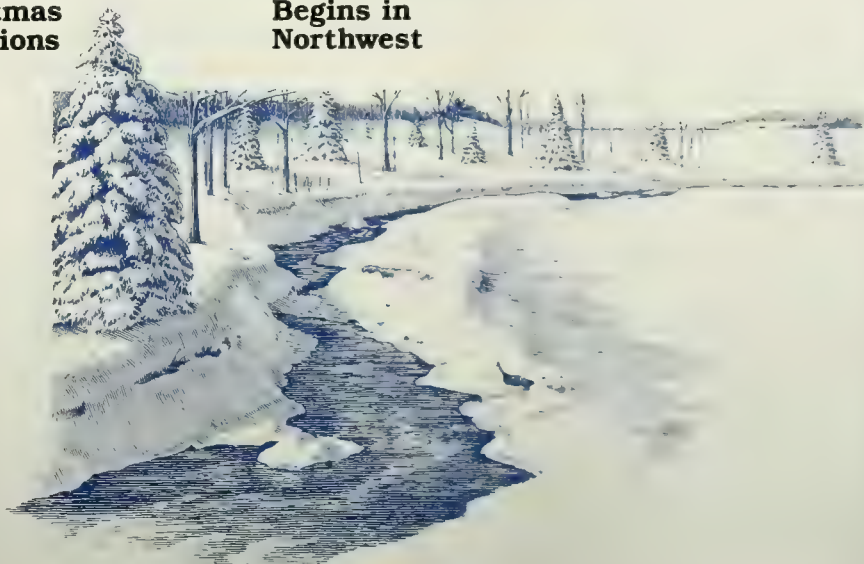
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A HERITAGE OF FAITH...

*"Remember those who led you, who
spoke the word of God to you; and
considering the outcome of their way
of life, imitate their faith."*

Hebrews 13:7

Each one of us holds fond memories of favorite people in our lives...

Through their sacrifice, testimony and example, our missionaries, pastors, pastors' wives and Sunday school teachers have influenced the lives of hundreds of thousands all over the world.

Many of these leaders are now retired and depend on retirement income. Currently, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches Retirement Fund assists in supporting 40 retirees through the "Our Promise of Honor" program. In order to fulfill our corporate responsibility to these faithful laborers, the three-year goal is \$330,000. In 1987, over \$130,000 was committed in gifts and pledges. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of His people.

In the next few months, the "Heritage of Faith" slide-tape presentation will be shown in Grace Brethren Churches all across America. You will be asked to "remember" those who have given us our spiritual heritage.

***They have given us
our heritage of faith...
and have earned
"Our Promise of Honor."***

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A New Year Begins

A New Year begins as fresh as newly fallen snow,
Giving opportunities greater than we now know.
May God grant us His wisdom to use our time for Him,
Planning our moments and days, not wasting them on whim.
God's Word provides the answers to all of our questions,
improves our lives by giving us the right solutions.

A New Year is the perfect time to begin anew
growing more Christlike, loving, patient, closer to you.
Lord, cultivate the fruit of your Spirit -- gentleness,
joy, peace, kindness, goodness, self-control and faithfulness
Help these fruits to grow in us, giving us fertile days,
Your love shining through us in a myriad of ways.

This New Year is another precious gift from above
giving opportunities to share your Word and love.
Each new day a gift from you, a chance for us to show
others how grateful we are to You and gladly go
out into the fields white with the harvest of the lost
whose salvation You have paid for at such a great cost.

Now's the time to rejoice for all You've richly given
Our friends, churches, country, home and promise of heaven.
Our New Year's resolution to You, dear Lord is this
That in thanking and praising You we'll not be remiss
With grateful hearts we gladly give this new year to You
Trusting You to revive us each day to honor You.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control."*

Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly
loved children and live a life of love, just as
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*

Ephesians 5:1,2 (NIV)

The Fellowship Council:

What It Is and How It Works:

by **Pastor Charles Ashman**
Fellowship Coordinator

Editor's Note: The following article has been requested with the purpose of keeping our Fellowship informed of our workings and activities. Charles W. Turner



Pastor Charles Ashman

The new name, "Fellowship Council," first appeared in our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches about three years ago. Officially, as an organized entity, it was first listed in the 1986 Grace Brethren Annual. The Council is a group of sixteen men chosen by the National Conference of our Fellowship to manage our corporate business and provide us with annual national conferences.

How the Council came into existence.

The Fellowship Council was born out of the vision and realization that our Fellowship of Churches desperately needed a much better way to strategize for future years, deal with issues and plan ahead for our conferences. Formerly, the National Conference Executive Committee had the responsibility of the conference, but was ill-equipped to develop objectives and strategies, or even plan more than one year ahead for our conferences. It consisted of the newly-selected moderator, the retiring moderator and 30-35 men chosen by the various district conferences on a numerical representation basis. It met late evenings during the annual conference, organized and frantically tried to whip into shape plans for the next conference.

Men of vision saw this lack of continuity in personnel and late, pressure-packed kind of planning as totally inadequate for the type of leadership needed if we were to be a vibrant, growing Fellowship of Churches with significantly meaningful conferences. So, in 1984, a totally new set of Bylaws was adopted, which included the establishment of what we now call the Fellowship Council.

How the Council is selected and organized.

The twelve area representative members of the Fellowship council, called directors, are elected by the annual conference from nominees presented to it through district suggestions and Nominating Committee nomination (see Bylaws, Art. V, Sec. Two-Four). These men serve one four-year term each. One director is elected each year from each of the geographical areas of the country (western, central, eastern--see the 1986 Grace Brethren Annual, pp. 52-53 for the districts included in each area). This method gives good representation and continuity-stability to the Council. Three men serve on the Council by virtue of their conference office. 1) The moderator of the current conference year is chairman of the Council during that year. 2) The moderator-elect and 3) the retiring moderator also serves, giving each of these men three years of service on the Council. The Fellowship Coordinator, secured by the Council according to Bylaws, Art. VI, Sec. Five, also serves with the Council and is its secretary, but does not have voting privileges.

The Fellowship Council meets each year for a selected number of days (usually two) just prior to the annual conference and again in the middle of the conference year (usually January) for a multi-day meeting. It is evident that the makeup of the Council gives a considerable amount of continuity-stability and the meeting schedule provides for sufficient time to discuss thoroughly the needs and issues within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. It also provides for much better pre-planning, under the guidance of the moderator and moderator-elect for future conferences.

What the Council is supposed to do.

As prescribed by the FGBC Bylaws, the responsibilities of the Council revolve around four areas: 1) In relation to the Fellowship in general, 2) In relationship to the Districts within our FGBC, 3) In relationship to individual churches, 4) In relation to the annual conferences of the fellowship.

1) In relation to the Fellowship in general, the Council is to be alert to the problems, concerns,

opportunities, needs, visions and goals that warrant attention to the Fellowship and bring these with recommendations to the conference of the Fellowship. A part of the Council's responsibility is to evaluate and make recommendations with respect to requests from groups or organizations desiring to be a part of the Fellowship. It is also to monitor the activities and finances of affiliated boards and cooperating organizations and report its findings to the national conferences.

2) In relation to the Districts within the Fellowship, the Council's duties include evaluation and recommendation with respect to the formation of new districts and serve as an advisory board to recognized districts.

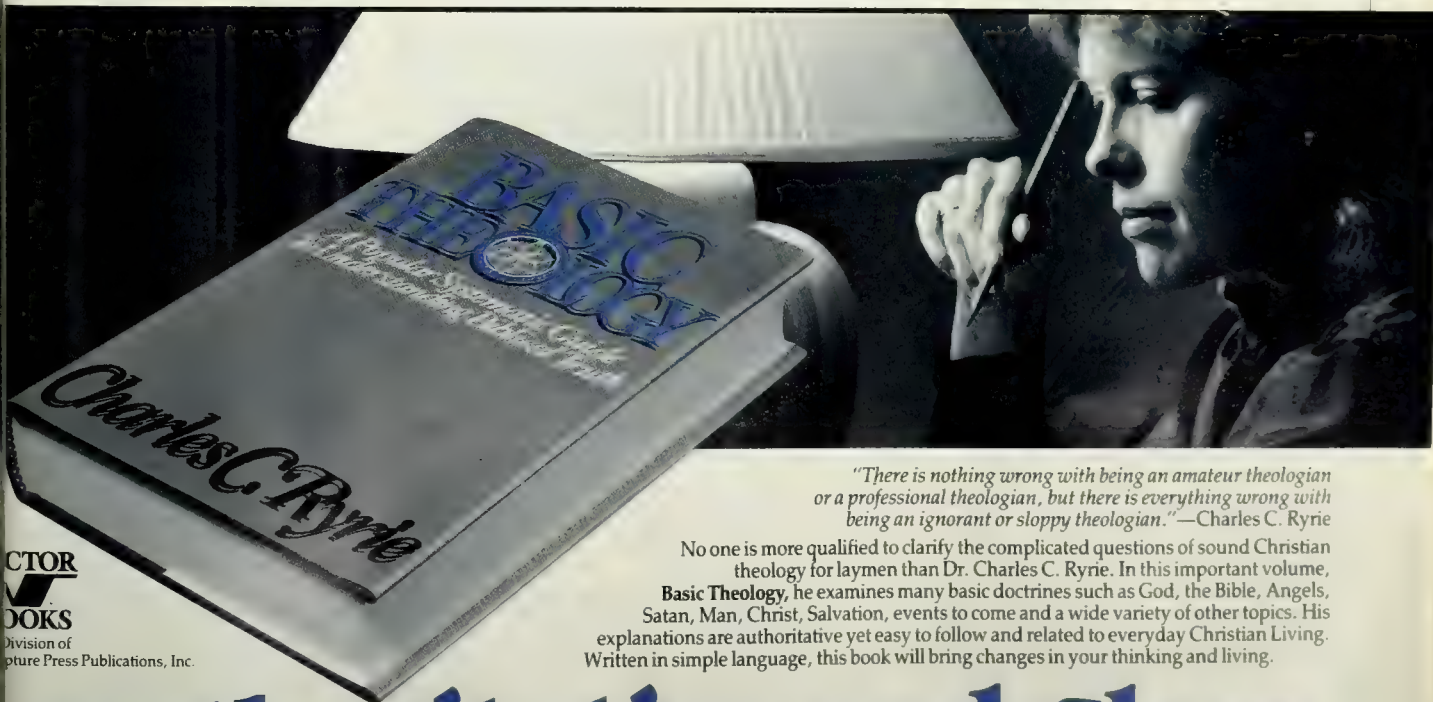
3) In relation to the individual churches of the Fellowship, the Council serves to evaluate applications from new churches to become members of the Fellowship and make appropriate recommendations to the conference. It is also to investigate charges of defection from the requirements of membership and serve as advisor to the local church with only the authority to make appropriate recommendations, either to the local church or to the conference.

The national annual conference is another of the major responsibilities of the Council. It is to make full and complete arrangements for conferences and any special meetings of the Fellowship. These plans are to include the time, place, program, advertising and all the details with respect to the

conference. The Council is responsible to consult with the cooperating boards and organizations, such as Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, Grace Brethren Home Missions, Grace Schools, etc., so as to properly include them, and receive and evaluate reports from them. All conference committees, other than the Nominating Committee, are to be appointed by the Council as it sees the need or as the conference directs. The Council may and does also appoint internal committees for the carrying on of its work.

One important thing must be remembered. The Fellowship Council has no hierarchical authority over the autonomous local churches in the Fellowship. Its authority is limited to the expediting of the responsibilities committed to it by the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches through its national conference. This involves the setting and maintaining of the requirements of membership in the Fellowship, the striving to encourage districts and local churches toward a great cooperative effort to exalt God and magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, edify the believers in all the churches and reach out to evangelize the world.

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by Pastor George Traub

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I remember the first time I said those words to myself as I dated my future wife. It's hard to describe what it feels like to be in love . . . but one thing is for sure: you know when you feel it! I would return home from holiday breaks and visit my best friend's mother who worked at an Italian Restaurant. I would walk in the door and the only thing I could do was grin. She would always say, "George, I can tell you're in love because it's written all over your face."

Early in my life I realized that being in love with Jesus Christ was the most important relationship I would ever experience. Yet I learned that being in a living, breathing, vital relationship with Him was far more important than school days feelings or the expression on your face. Being in love with Christ develops as you learn His cost, commitment, and His pursuit of you and your response in like manner toward Him.

About a year ago the concepts were freshly and passionately brought to my attention once more in the form of First Love Renewal. FLR is basically two concepts: (1) A **process** of renewal toward the Lord Jesus in which you focus on your **relationship** with Him in worship and teaching; (2) A liberating choice to serve Him through witnessing as you return to your first love and center on what it means to know Him. I choose the term "liberating" because as we study the Scriptures we see witnessing as a natural, flowing **ability** that every believer is given; no worry about what to say or fear over who will accomplish the work because the Holy Spirit is the agent as we simply share with others the message of salvation.

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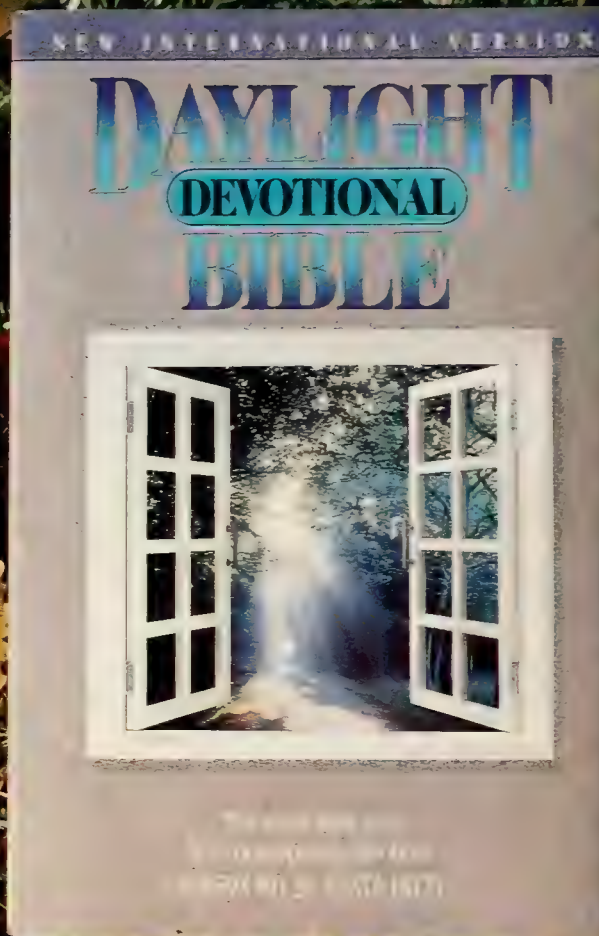
lost somewhere in my heart and mind, many people have heard the Gospel and some have accepted -- and it **wasn't** a chore, a duty, a way to get rid of guilt. It was natural and fun because of knowing Him and letting Him use me.



George Traub with his son Ryan.

"I'm in love" . . . yes, I love my wife and child very deeply. I still feel the same way about her as I did on the college campus. But I owe deeply to FLR for reminding me of principles and helping me make contact in a fresh way with the Savior.

George Traub, along with his wife, Charlotte, and son, Ryan, live in Roanoke, Virginia. George is Pastor of the Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church. He is a graduate of Bryan College and Grace Theological Seminary. He has an extensive counseling ministry and serves as a team teacher for First Love Renewals.



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Christmas Traditions

The National WMC Officers share their Christmas traditions.



Donna Miller

Christmas in the Miller home has always been a time of joyous celebration of the birthday of our Savior. As parents of three daughters we spend several exciting evenings attending holiday concerts. Christmas Eve vespers at our church is always a family highlight. On Christmas morning my husband usually gets up ahead of the rest and starts a cozy fire in our fireplace. Reading the Christmas story and prayer always come before opening our gifts. Christmas Day is spent playing family games and sharing family togetherness.

You'd love to spend Christmas eve and Christmas day with us (we'll translate for you) and the believers in CAR. It's an experience you wouldn't forget. Since they have something great to celebrate, they go all out -- in their own way. The church, chapel or meeting place (sometimes outdoors because of the crowds) is decorated with vines, palm branches, or wild flowers. Folks arrive early in the evening, some with pressure lanterns or kerosene lamps, stools, and chairs. They sing until they are hoarse -- conventional Christmas carols that have been translated into their language, but mostly the songs that they have written -- long ones, 20-25 verses that tell a story. They sing in all the languages they know -- French, Sango, and many tribal languages. Then there are always lots of skits about Christmas. They're great actors and have vivid imaginations of what it must have been like at that time of the birth of Jesus. Tea and coffee are always served, sometimes in a bucket. It's strong as it has been boiling for quite awhile. Bring your own enamel cups or glasses. There are usually makalas to eat as well (fried dough like donuts). Kids fall asleep; it gets chilly; a devotional is given; more songs -- solos or group singing by the WMC ladies, youth, tribal groups, etc. -- lots of laughing, more coffee, tea, and makalas. Many leave at midnight, some stay till morning.

Then on Christmas day, they meet at the church again for more singing, skits, parades, and a message from the Christmas story. The fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ is great! There is one conspicuous thing missing -- commercialism! No exchanging of gifts or great feasting. It's Christ's birthday!



Ruth Snyder



Betty Odgen

Christmas is memory time. Most of us want to keep Christmas as it has always been. We want each Christmas to be an exact duplicate of the one that remains precious in our memories.

If we can't physically "go home" for Christmas, our memories will take us there. I tried to reproduce for our children those precious traditions my parents established. The same manger scene that was under my tree as a little girl is placed under our tree each year. We read the Gospel of Luke's account of the birth of Christ, sing Christmas carols and pray together before gifts are opened.

We have established the tradition of giving a Christmas ornament to each grandchild. Since we now have sixteen grandchildren, I calculate in the past fourteen years, we have purchased 132 ornaments for them.

Very often we spend precious hours talking of Christmases past and the traditions we knew as children. Someone has said, "Traditions are the ribbons of strength that tie our Christmases together."

In our family, a couple families get together around Christmas time and have a progressive supper. Each year we alternate what each family has. At the house where we have dessert, we exchange gifts. This way we get to see each others' decorations and have a good time of real family fellowship.



Joyce Ashman



Isobel Fraser

During my years with the Brethren Messianic Testimony I made it a policy to celebrate Christmas with the single Jewish ladies by having dinner together, either in my home or in a restaurant. This was another way for me to demonstrate Christian love to them.

Christmas is celebrating our Savior's birth and our thoughts turn towards giving him a special gift! To our December WMC meeting we bring our present for Jesus' birthday. Each tiny box is beautifully wrapped and placed under the tree. We choose one of the foreign missionary families



Deborah Adams



and send this gift of money to them.

The first Tuesday of December is "Christmas cookie day" at my house. My Grandma, mother, and I busy ourselves an entire day to bake dozens of cookies. When my children were younger and not in school they delighted in chopping the walnuts. Because of God's abundant blessings to us during hunting season we are able to prepare barbecued deer ribs and baked white and sweet potatoes for the evening meal. Dessert? Of course, we sample our success of the day!

For many years, one tradition in our family has been finding and cutting our own Christmas tree. On a cold day in December, we go to a local Christmas tree farm to find the right tree. Several times the tree we have selected has had a bird's nest tucked in its branches, which we keep and add to our growing collection of nests and bird ornaments. With so many beautiful trees to choose from, it's always hard to make a choice, but each year's tree seems to be "the prettiest tree we've ever had."

Several years ago, our local WMC decided that instead of having a gift exchange at Christmas, we would rather use the money to help someone with a special need. From that desire came our annual Christmas Love Offering. It has been used to purchase food and Christmas gifts for needy families, given as a cash gift to a struggling church family, or sent to a missionary or Home Mission point. This year's Love Offering will be sent to Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, to be used for Christian textbooks.



Janet Minnix



Nancy Eshleman

Our traditions have changed with time and location. When I was a child on the farm, we opened our gifts on Christmas Eve because there was too much work to be done in the morning. (I later learned the real reason - my Dad was too much of a kid to wait for morning!) After marriage we went home to Hagerstown, MD, from wherever we lived for Christmas with our families.

Finally, the day came when we moved home to Hagerstown, MD and that's when we really started our own tradition. We always had all the family over for a formal dinner, after which we went to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at church. On Christmas morning all of our own children came for a "special" breakfast of egg and ham casserole and fried oysters. After breakfast we opened the gifts and then they were free to go to their friends or in-laws, etc. for the day.

Now that we live in Lancaster County away from

family, and only one of our parents is still living, our traditions are changing again. But, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service still remains the central part of our celebration - even 25 years after attending our first one.

In our last pastorate, it was getting to be "tradition" to have the December WMC meeting at our house.

My husband was quite a decorator for any season of the year, but Christmas was his specialty so, naturally he did the most decorating then.

Thanksgiving had to be over first. (Sometimes as soon as the Thanksgiving dinner was over, he would start playing Christmas records.) Usually the day after Thanksgiving, he would get a few Christmas things to begin decorating with his aim to have it all done by the night of our WMC meeting which was the second Tuesday night in the month.

By WMC night, our house had taken on a completely different look with all the greens, ribbons, lights, bells, wreaths and candles in the windows, the tree in place and decorated, and a log burning in the fireplace.

For our meeting, we dispensed with business and did not follow the regular WMC program. We planned our own and it was completely "Christmas" with the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible, the beautiful carols sung, and every part of the program about Christmas. We had a gift exchange and good fellowship as we ate all the "goodies" that go with the season. As they left the meeting, many would say that they were now in the Christmas mood. It was such fun!



Lillian Teeter



Linda Unruh

Christmas is such a special time - it is a memory building season. When my children start talking about Christmas, they always bring up the advent wreath. We will pick an evening of the week which seems the least hectic and that will be our special family evening. We spend extra time on the meal preparation and we sit down, our advent wreath set up on the dining room table. We light the candle at the beginning of the meal. Then we have time for singing and Scripture reading. Each family member has their assigned portion. We will then eat and spend quality time together as a family. Sometimes we invite guests to share in our advent wreath celebration. After eating we move into the living room and each child is allowed to open one present from under the tree that has been mailed to us by friends. This is a tender moment as we recall the special times that we have spent with those friends and thank the Lord for them. ■



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240 GREAT LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Menno Simons 1496-1561

Menno Simons (1496-1561) gave his name to a body of Anabaptist believers in the Reformation period whose direct descendants are still with us today. The various Mennonite and Baptist denominations, along with some others, currently represent that aspect of Protestantism typified by the distinctively Anabaptist, free or believers' churches.

Menno was not an original founder of this idea church, Anabaptist/Mennonite movement, because he was converted about ten years after its birth in Zurich, Switzerland. Nevertheless, at the time when the movement was in grave danger of being exterminated elsewhere and totally discredited by the excesses of some in the

brotherhood, he deserves much credit in that of great sacrifice he personally gathered together, redirected, and reorganized the surviving remnants of the Dutch branch of Anabaptism. He provided it with stable long-term leadership, building ability and simultaneously the roles of evangelist, teacher, musician, and bishop-at-large. He carefully led the Dutch back to an approximation of the more balanced and moderate teachings of the original Swiss founders of the original Anabaptism. To the outside world, Simons was an able, articulate spokesman for and apostle of

the movement. He was a peace-loving man who was not only a pacifist but also a non-resistance to war. He was a man of great faith and courage, and he was a man of great love and compassion. He was a man of great wisdom and insight, and he was a man of great strength and courage. He was a man of great faith and courage, and he was a man of great love and compassion. He was a man of great wisdom and insight, and he was a man of great strength and courage.

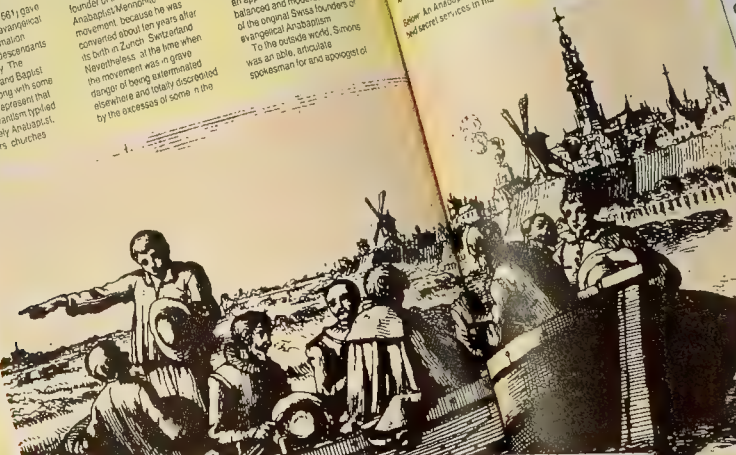
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The Life of Menno Simons

1496	Born in Friesland, Netherlands.
1524	Converted to a Roman Catholicism.
1525	Joined the Anabaptist Church.
1526-1530	Spent time in England, Scotland, and Ireland, preaching the Gospel.
1537	Returned to Friesland, where he was arrested and imprisoned.
1541	Released from prison and returned to Friesland, where he continued his ministry.
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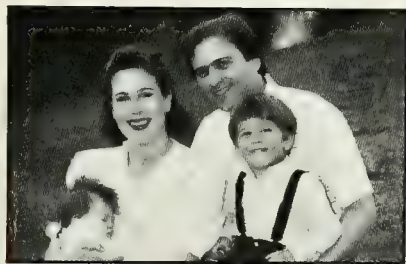
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New Home Mission Pastors Involved In Unique Ministries

Joe Consentino has been commissioned by the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church, Macedonia, OH, to be involved in a unique church planting effort in the greater Cleveland area. He is one of four new Home Mission pastors who have recently become part of the Home Missions team, including David Kennedy, Marion, OH; Dennis Huratiak, Blain, PA; and David Scott, Atlanta, GA.

Consentino will be working with Pastor Ron Boehm and the Western Reserve church, which is also a Home Mission point, while surveying the area for another church start. When the new church is begun, the Macedonia congregation will be the mother church, the first time a Home Mission church has sponsored another new point.

A recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, Joe also earned a degree in Business Administration from Ohio University in 1978 and prior to entering the ministry was a certified public accountant.



The Joe Consentino Family

His wife, Melinda is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. degree in Clinical Dietetics. They have two children, Daniel, four, and Marianne, born in March of this year.

Huratiak assumed the pulpit at the Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren Church, Blain, PA, in July.

The 31-year-old graduate of Philadelphia College of the Bible and Grace Seminary joins the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches with four years pastoral experience in another denomination. Recently, he has served as pulpit supply for a number of Grace Brethren churches in eastern Pennsylvania.

He and his wife Truda, have two children, Tonya Marie, five, and Cammie Lynn, three.

Kennedy is a second generation Grace Brethren pastor who has followed in his father's footsteps in leading a Home Mission church. Beginning at Marion, OH on September 1, he follows the example of his father, Jim Kennedy, who pastors the Grace Brethren Church at Makakilo, HI, also a Home Mission point.

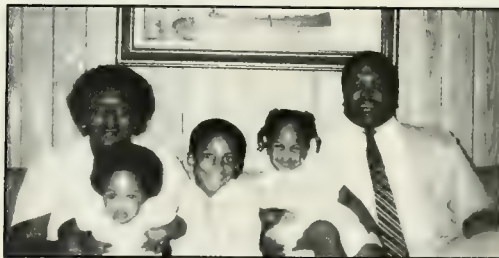


David and Nancy Kennedy

David is a graduate of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. Until recently, he served as associate pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, OH, where his father was a pastor while David was a teenager. He has also served as a Christian school administrator and was an instructor in Behavioral Sciences at Grace College from 1981 to 1986.

He is married to the former Nancy Ramsey and they have three daughters, Michelle, nine; Cara, eight; and Jennifer, born in May of this year.

Nancy is also a graduate of Grace College with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.



The David Scott Family

Scott, a former offensive lineman for the Atlanta Falcons, is serving as assistant pastor at the Dekalb Community Grace Brethren Church under Pastor Ernest Usher.

The 34-year-old played with the Falcons from 1976 until his retirement in 1983. He then enrolled in Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, where he graduated in 1987.

Prior to moving to Atlanta, he worked as assistant director of the Institute for Urban Outreach at Lynchburg, training students for summer evangelistic outreach. He also served as an assistant football coach at the university.

He and his wife Clarice have three children, David Gabriel, seven; Grace Michelle, three; and Melinda Faith, eight months old. ■

Unconventional, Nontraditional -- and Exciting

by Liz Cutler

Chris Suitt and Mike Smith have a good idea of the kind of church they want to develop -- nontraditional, relaxed, people-oriented, and Grace Brethren.

It's the type of church that might not find a niche on the more conservative east coast, the midwest, or even some parts of their native southern California. But it is one that they feel will reach the residents of the fast-growing city of Moreno Valley which is located approximately two hours east of the greater Los Angeles area.

"We've got so many people who are migrating out of this basin (the coastal area around Long Beach and Los Angeles)," says David Marksbury, Western Director for Grace Brethren Home Missions, who has worked closely with Suitt and Smith in developing the new church. "They have the beach mentality, even though there is no beach out there," he adds with a laugh. "Their mind-set is the same."

"Our emphasis will be primarily to the unreached," says Smith, who until recently served as Pastor of International Outreach at the Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach. "We're taking great care to take the religious wordings, concepts of what people might have about what is religious, and removing those. Not only is it not understandable to most people, it is offensive," he explains.

"We want to set in place the people who can minister to people, programs that minister to people, and then we'll be concerned with land as our numbers reach the place where we can actually afford it."

"It makes them throw up a wall when they hear or see something like that," he adds. "We want to make the setting comfortable to them, where they feel accepted and where we can present the Gospel and Christ in ways they understand."

Moreno Valley comprises three separate cities -- Sunnymead, Edgemont, and Moreno -- which were incorporated into one in 1984 with 54,000 people. Four years later, the population has reached more than 90,000 and is expected to double that by the year 2000.

The population is predominately baby boomer -- those individuals born after 1945. In fact, 76 percent

of the population in Moreno Valley is under age 44 and the median age is 26.8. They are families who are attracted to the area primarily for the low cost of housing, according to Suitt and Smith.

The unique mentality of the baby boomer is one of the reasons the two church planters have adopted a nontraditional method of church planting.

"Our spending priorities are people, programs, and property," says Smith. "We want to set in place the people who can minister to people, programs that minister to people, and then we'll be concerned with land as our members reach the place where we can actually afford it," he adds.

Chris and his wife, Jan, and Mike and his wife, Barbie, and their three-year-old daughter, Vicki, moved to the area on November 1. The next few months are to be spent assessing the needs of the area.

"We want to find out what the people's felt needs are," says Suitt, who served as Director of the Junior High Ministry for the last few years at the Long Beach church. "Then we are going to create programs around that."

Those programs might be seminars on stress management or parenting, sporting activities, or child care centers, all designed to draw the individual into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Building around those seminars and utilizing a special, direct mail emphasis, the new church will open March 26 with a special Easter celebration service.

"Obviously, part of our evangelism strategy is designing our worship service," says Suitt, who will be doing the teaching during the Sunday services. The two want to make it attractive to the unchurched so he or she will feel as comfortable as possible.

During the week, people will have the opportunity to meet in a small group setting. Suitt terms them 'mini-churches,' where an individual learns how to practically apply the principles taught during Sunday's celebration service.

"I'll do that on Sunday," stresses Suitt, "but they'll also do it more so during the week, and there's accountability there." It will also provide a place for individuals to minister.

The leader of the group will meet weekly with Suitt and Smith. "Ultimately, we want to train this guy to be a pastor," notes Suitt.

The two are up-front about their ultimate plans for their new church. "We want to start other

churches," says Suitt. They hope to have 200 people in attendance by the end of the first year. By the third year, they would like to start another church in the area, spinning off one of the small group meetings into a congregation of its own.

Admittedly, the whole concept seems rather radical. But it's a method that has roots in other successful evangelical church planting efforts in southern California, such as the Saddleback Community Church, a Southern Baptist congregation led by Rick Warren, who spoke at the annual Grace Brethren Home Missions Pastor's Conference last August. Warren moved to Mission Viejo eight years ago and began a church with just one family besides his own. During that time, the congregation has grown to more than 4,000 people and just recently purchased property for a building of their own.

"We want to find out what the people's needs are."

Suitt and Smith's partnership is also unique, but they have practical reasons for not going it alone. A team ministry in this densely populated area offers the advantage of sharing the load and will also help to build a church faster.

Suitt will be doing the Sunday teaching, as well as assimilation and evangelism. Smith will also be



Chris Suitt and Mike Smith

working with evangelism and will head up administration and education.

The duo's plans also have full endorsement of the Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, where the two are currently members, and the Southern California-Arizona District of Grace Brethren Churches.

The two feel their relationship with their home congregation will be similar to that of foreign missionaries. "They will be involved financially and they will be involved in a pastoral sense, as well," notes Smith.

Marksbury echoes that sentiment. "We get so involved in sending our missionaries over a lot of water," he says. "We want to see Christians just as involved here and we are going to ask for prayer partners at their commissioning service."

Invitation Accepted

Donna Statum knew different. When she discovered the church of her childhood wasn't teaching the Bible, she began searching. But someone found her first -- the Mormons.

"I joined the LDS (Mormon) Church and tried to commit my life, but deep in my heart, I knew things weren't right," recalls the 32-year-old clerk at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

Discontented, she left the Mormons and asked the Lord to direct her.

"I didn't attend for some time," she says, "and I wanted a church home."

One day her phone rang. On the line was a friendly voice inviting her to the new Grace Fellowship Church, which is associated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Her curiosity aroused, she attended the Premiere Sunday on November 22, 1987. Everyone seemed to have one thing in common -- a genuine interest in each other.

She also found something else -- a living relationship with Jesus Christ! Donna has been baptized and joined Grace Fellowship Church.



Donna Statum

Says Donna, "As I look back, I see now that the Lord has led me to this church."

Hispanic Ministry Begins in Northwest

A new Grace Brethren ministry among the Hispanics of the Yakima Valley area is underway. A cooperative effort between the Grace Brethren Churches in Grandview, Yakima, and Mabton; the Northwest District Mission Board; and Grace Brethren Home Missions; the ministry will be led by Abner Solano, a Nicaraguan pastor who formerly ministered with Central American Mission International.



Abner Solano

"It's difficult to give a population figure (of Hispanics in the area)," says Dwight Cover, pastor of the Grandview Grace Brethren Church. Public school figures show 50 percent of the population is Hispanic. The 1980 census shows 30 percent.

Cover says that there are three types of Hispanics in the area -- those who have become integrated into the Anglo culture; those who came to the area as migrant workers and have become permanent residents; and those who come to the area seasonally to harvest asparagus, cherries, apples, hops, peaches, and other crops.

Although the work cannot officially begin until Solano has secured his permanent visa from the United States government, groundwork has been laid. Seven couples from the three churches have committed themselves to working with him. He is leading Bible studies with several of those couples and is making other contacts in the Hispanic community. During the summer, he held evangelistic services at several of the farms where many of the Hispanics are employed.

Solano plans to begin Bible studies in the areas of Sunnyside, Mabton, and Grandview. It is anticipated that a Hispanic congregation will begin meeting in the Mabton church three months later.

Solano attended the Nicaraguan Bible Institute and has pastored churches in Nicaragua. He also served as director of the CAM (Central American Mission) Bible Institute there from 1980 to 1982.

He and his wife Nelly have three children, Abner, eight; Narry, six; and Berny, two. Nelly and the children continue to live in Nicaragua until Abner's permanent visa is approved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the new Hispanic ministry in the Yakima Valley.

Pray that Abner Solano's permanent visa would be secured from the United States government.

Pray that Solano's family would soon be permitted to join him in Washington.

Pray for the establishment of a core of Hispanics committed to building a Grace Brethren Church among their people.

40th Anniversary

Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church

"The Lord has given us things to do and it is our duty to do them," concluded the Rev. Gerald Polman at a service on Sunday, October 16, 1988, marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Grace Brethren Church at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Two hundred, fifty-six persons were in attendance.

The speaker, Rev. Polman, was the first pastor of the church when it was formed in 1948 after he was restrained from preaching at a previous church by court order. The latter came after an unsuccessful defense of a court case instigated by a group of members from the previous congregation.

Following the morning worship service, the former pastor also presented a message on love and the need to "passionately seek Christ" at a fellowship meal which was attended by 168 persons. Along with Rev. Polman, who now resides in Winona Lake, Indiana, other former pastors attending were: Rev. Ralph Hall of Bradenton, Florida; and Rev. Raymond Davis of Hagerstown, Maryland. Host for the occasion was Rev. J. Ward Tressler, Fremont, Ohio, who is serving as Interim Pastor. Rev. Tressler is a native of Meyersdale.

A pre-highlight of the anniversary services occurred on Saturday, October 15, when a time capsule, embedded in concrete behind the cornerstone for the original church building, was removed. It contained a New Testament, Meyersdale newspapers dated March and June, 1950, an original charter membership list and copies of dated events pertaining to construction of the church building.

The first service in the "new" church was held in a lower auditorium on February 11, 1951. Dedication was conducted on August 19, 1951, with Rev. Leo Polman, father of the Pastor, as guest speaker. The building cost \$90,000 of which bonds were issued to raise \$40,000.

From the very beginning, unity, cooperation, and generosity have marked the growth of the Meyersdale Church. While bonds were sold many were never cashed. The property, on which the church building is located, was purchased by a



Cutting the 40th anniversary cake is Irene Meyers, a charter member with J. Ward Tressler, Interim Pastor and R. Dean Hillegas, Vice Moderator.



Ministers at the 40th anniversary who have been involved in the work at Meyersdale include, L-R: Gerald Polman, the church's first pastor; J. Ward Tressler, current Interim Pastor, Raymond Davis; and Ralph Hall.

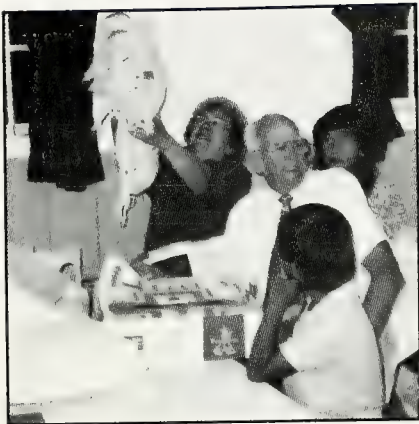
member and then donated. Most equipment, materials, and labor were also from gracious donors.

Key areas of outreach for the church include: Pearls of Wisdom, for senior citizens; a missions committee and council; an Awana program; and active programs for both junior high and senior youth.

Over the years, several persons have moved on to serve the Lord full-time as ministers or missionaries, while 22 have attended Grace College. The church presently supports eight missionaries.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Retirees Honored



Ray and Mary Thompson began serving at Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries in August, 1980 and were involved in the church planting programs and publicity. They retired as of September 1 and were bid farewell by the mission staff at a special party in the dining hall. The Thompsons are now residing in Winona Lake, IN.

Daugherty Named C.A.R. Leader

Dave Daugherty, five year missionary to the Central African Republic, has been named superintendent of that field. Dave, who organized and began a dental health and teaching ministry in the C.A.R. in 1984, will continue with this outreach, but has accepted field leadership responsibilities as the main thrust of his ministry.

Tom Stallter, former Field Superintendent, resigned his leadership responsibilities because of a desire to give himself more completely to a pastoral ministry in the Bangui district (24 churches, seven without pastors) and because of family needs related to the heavy administrative burdens.

Future Home

The congregation of the Harrah, WA Grace Brethren Church

dedicated four acres of ground and "planted" a cedar sign proclaiming the "Future Home-Harrah Grace Brethren Church." Dr. Willard Aldrich of the Multnomah School of the Bible was the speaker for this special event. Construction of the facility is planned for the spring of 1989.



The original church structure was built in 1928 with a Youth Building and two other buildings erected later.

The Building Committee is chaired by Jack Labbee, Sr. Other members are Weston Ferguson, Dave Johnson, Lyle Taylor, Bob Rowe and Chet Rockwell. Chuck Winter is completing his twenty-first year as pastor of the Harrah church family.

Rare Reunion



On a recent Sunday, the Kent, WA Grace Brethren church had a rare and unplanned event, when the wives of all four of the church's pastors were together in one church service. Left to right are: **Mrs. Phillip Simmons** (1967-1972), **Mrs. James McClellan** (1972-1979), **Mrs. David Marksbury** (1979-1987), and **Mrs. Jack Rants** (1987-present).

DEATHS

CONRAD, RAY D., 94, July 18, 1988. He was a lifelong member of the

North Liberty Community GBC and a Brethren from his youth in the Danville, OH, Grace Brethren Church. A. E. Hockley, pastor.

JEFFORD, CATHERINE A., 80, August 21, 1988, Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, PA. Gary Gnagey, pastor.

JENZ, EDNA, 86, September 21, 1988. She was a faithful attendee of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, pastor.

KRYGSMAN, MARGARET, 81, September 17, 1988. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

THIRY, DONALD, 52, September 3, 1988. He was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church Kittanning, PA. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

Grace Schools Living Memorials

- In memory of: **Mr. George Kimpel, Sr.**
Given by: **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kohler, Sr.**
- In memory of: **Rev. John Wray**
Given by: **William H. Schaffer**
- In memory of: **Mrs. Eleanor Kent**
Given by: **Mrs. Blanche T. Sumner**
- In memory of: **Mrs. Eleanor Kent**
Given by: **Lake City Bank Officers and Directors**
- In memory of: **Mrs. Eleanor Kent**
Given by: **Ted and Minnie Austin**
- In memory of: **Mrs. Eleanor Kent**
Given by: **Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kohler**
- In memory of: **John F. Miller**
Given by: **Rev. & Mrs. Homer R. Miller**
- In memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. William E. Williams**
Given by: **Mr. & Mrs. Gerald C. Johnson**
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Johnson
- In memory of: **John Sansom**
Given by: **Mrs. Alta L. Sansom**
- In memory of: **John Sansom**
Given by: **Mr. & Mrs. Julian A. Ritch**
- In memory of: **Joyce Brownwood**
Given by: **Mr. & Mrs. Clayton E. Skellenger**
- In memory of: **Frederick A. Rittgers**
Given by: **Grace Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa**

Walter Fretz Retires

by Dino Butler

At first meeting, you might think he is a benevolent grandfather who enjoys buying things for his grandchildren. Or, he could be the hard-working husband of a faithful wife, always working to provide, but never too much to neglect his children. Or maybe he's both. Such is Walter Fretz, who retires this month as director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

In the dog-eat-dog world of finance, Fretz has managed to do away with the stereotypical cold, uncaring, banking image and retain the reputation of a kindly gentleman who is committed to serving God and the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC).

For the past 17 years, he has provided numerous opportunities for churches to physically grow through low cost loans from the Foundation. His careful stewardship of investments in the Foundation has resulted in record growth for the organization. Since he arrived in July, 1971, the Foundation's investments have more than doubled from \$7,833,064 to more than \$18 million.

In addition, more than \$29 million in loans have been granted. Today, outstanding loans total more than \$11 million to 112 Grace Brethren congregations nationwide.

For the many people that work with him, Walter is a source of encouragement and integrity. He sees his job more as a duty to the Father to do his part in what Christ commanded in Matthew 28 than a purely financial capacity, and that attitude is evident in his desire to see the Fellowship grow.

"Each person here," he states matter-of-factly, "whether they be in the Investment Foundation, Home Missions or Foreign Missions is really dedicated on a consistent basis to doing work that is related to the Christian world. It is a relationship of Christians working together to carry out the task that has been laid on us."

Fretz says the friendships he has developed with the staff at the Foundation and at Grace Brethren Home Missions, its parent organization, are ones he will cherish.

"I have enjoyed my time here and I will miss the times we spent as a group."

Fretz makes it a point to keep his body, as well as his mind, in able condition. In pleasant weather, he and his wife, Emma, walk two miles a day. Other days, he pedals five miles on a stationary bicycle.



Walter Fretz

"Physically, I'm able, but I'm not in prime condition yet," he laughs.

Emma is an integral part of his life.

"We have a long background of knowing each other, we attended the same church, so we have known each other since the lower grades. It has been a strong relationship with strong common interests."

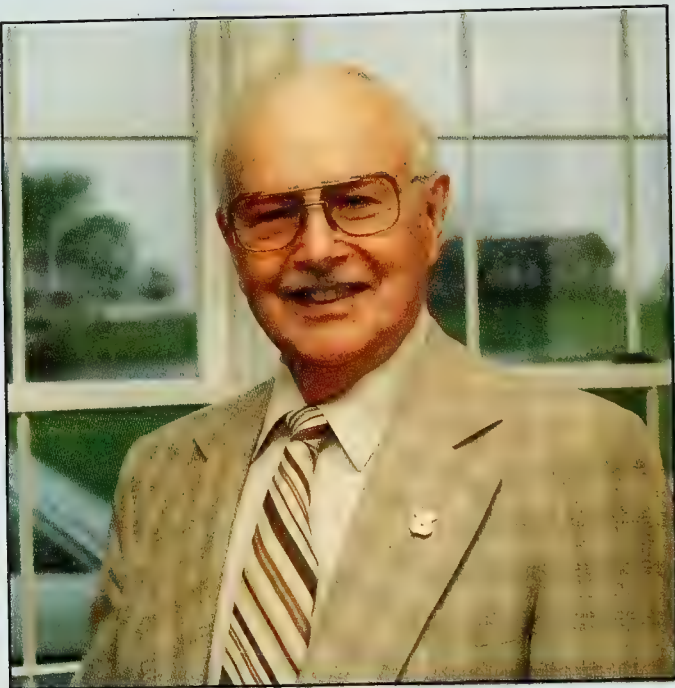
A registered nurse, Emma is known throughout the Warsaw-Winona Lake area, as well as the FGBC, as a creator of exquisite eggs. She creates her own designs for both personal gifts and to sell.

The couple has four children. "We are happy that our children of their own volition accepted Christ when they were young. Now they are all, in one way or another, involved in Christian work," he says.

Jim lives in Lansdale, PA and is active in the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church. Jay is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Sebring, FL. John works with Walk Through the Bible in Atlanta, GA. Jane served with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions in Germany until her marriage a year ago and is now involved in the Grace Brethren work in Leonberg, Germany.

Walter and Emma will remain in their Winona Lake home. And while the steady pace which has been maintained over the years will slow, they will continue to be involved in a variety of activities. On the horizon -- time with the grandchildren and a trip to Germany to see Jane.

Editor's Note: Dino Butler is a senior at Grace College and is a journalism intern at Grace Brethren Home Missions.



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